MADRID (R) — OPEC decided Monday to hold urgent talks of a committee which includes Iraq and Iran and which may be a forum to help end their dispute over oil output quotas, a leading cause of the present world glut. After a session in Madrid mulling the excess output which has hit prices, OPEC's five-man ministerial pricing committee said it would hold further talks soon, meeting jointly with another panel — the long-term strategy committee. That group includes Iraq and Iran. One of OPEC's chief problems is that the Iraqi's have refused to join the other 12 members in accepting any OPEC quota on their production. Iraq wanted to be allowed to sell as much as Iran, historically a bigger producer. The Iranians and others could not agree to that. Delegate sources in Madrid said the planned joint meeting may be a forum to address the problem, following the recent Gulf ceasefire. Other problems also beset OPEC. including excess output by the United Arab Emirates which calls its

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Czech weekly flays Israel

PRAGUE (AP) — The Czechoslovak Communist Party has levelled severe criticism against Israel, charging it with "racism (and) terrorism." Tribuna, the weekly of the party's policy-making central committee, in its latest edition available Monday, criticised the "brutal, inhuman actions of Israeli forces against the Palestinians who have risen to defend their just demands." This "shows Isruel, led by Zionists, in its true light," the magazine said. It said Israel was "a state in which racism, terrorism, torture, the expulsion of people from homes and even homeland, aggression and annexation of foreign territories is part of its policy.

Sri Lankan minister shot dead

COLOMBO (R) - A suspected Marxist rebel shot dead a Sri Lankan cabinet minister Monday, police said. Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Minister Lionel Jayatilake was killed when a gunman opened fire at his car in Kulivapitiya, 60 kilometres north of Colombo, they said. Police say they suspect the gunman was a member of the People's Liberation Front which has been blamed for more than 400 killings in the past year.

Gayoom reelected Maldivian president

MALE, Maldives (R) - Maumoon Abdul Gayoom was elected unopposed for his third term as president of the Maldives with 96.37 per cent of the vote, officials in the Indian Ocean island group said

Sicilian judge, son killed in ambush

CALTANISSETTA, Sicily (R) — A Sicilian judge and his son were shot dead when their car was ambushed late Sunday night in what police called a classic mafia killing. Antonino Saetta, 66, president of the Palermo court of appeal, and his son Stefano, 35, were hit in the head and stomach, police said. The killers fired at least 20 shots.

Philippine rebels kill 10, kidnap 5

MANILA (AP) -- Communist rebels killed 10 soldiers and a civilian in an ambush southeast of Manila and later kidnapped five army sergeants carrying a 200,000-peso (\$10,000) payroll to their unit, military and news reports said Monday. Brigadier-General Alejandro Galido said the dead were aboard a truck that struck a landmine Sunday near Atimonan, about 110 kilometres southeast of the Eight soldiers and another civilian were wounded in the attack. In Manila, private television station GMA said after the ambush, rebels stopped a jeep carrying the five sergeants near the ambush site and kidnapped them.

Belgium opens urban guerrilla trial

BRUSSELS (R) - Four men and two women went into a Belgium's biggest urban guerrilla trial. The trial, held amid heavy police security, opened with four of the accused defiantly proclaiming themselves militants for the self-styled Fighting Communist Cells (CCC), blamed for 25 bomb attacks across Belgium in 1984 and 1985. Appearing with the CCC four in the protective glass booth were a man and a woman, said by police to have belonged to another leftist guerrilla group calling itself the Revolutionary Front for Proletarian

Ershad postpones flood talks with India

DHAKA (R) - Bangladesh President Hossain Mohammad Ershad has postponed a trip to Delhi to discuss flood prevention until Thursday, officials said Monday. Ershad had planned to fly to Delhi Tuesday for talks with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on a regional strategy to combat annual monsoon floods which this year killed about 2,600 in Bangladesh and hundreds more in northern

Kuwait puts new tanker into service

KUWAIT (R) - The Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) said Monday it had put into service a new custom-built refined products tanker, the first of six ordered from a South Korean shipyard. The tankers are designed to boost the efficiency of deliveries to the Indian subcontinent and Europe, where the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) has a large retail network of petrol stations. The 35,000-tonne Al Kuwaitiya arrived Sunday and was due Monday to begin loading refined products for Karachi, a KOTC official said.

Iran: Fence-mending in progress with U.K.

NICOSIA (R) — An Iranian Foreign Ministry official Monday flew to Geneva to meet a British counterpart in what Tehran's news agency IRNA called a bid to mend ties. Mahmoud Vaezi, head of the Foreign Ministry's West European desk, will meet David Myers, British undersecretary of state for the Middle East, said the IRNA report received in Cyprus. The British Foreign Office said Friday that Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe would meet Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati when they attend the U.N. General Assembly in New York this week, a meeting the IRNA report also confirmed. Both reports said the two states may upgrade their

diplomatic ties after the meeting. Experts begin unprecedented MIA probe 4

BANGKOK (AP) - Joint U.S.-Vietnamese teams drove into northern Vietnamese villages Monday in an unprecedented search for witnesses of Vietnam war plane crashes in which American servicemen were lost, an official said. Two joint teams headed to areas north of the capital, Hanoi, in jeeps flown in from Hawaii for the 10-day search, said Thomas Boyd, spokesman for the U.S. Pacific command. "This is the first joint activity that involves tracking down of missing in action (MIA) cases," he said. "The teams are investigating loss incidents that occurred and trying to interview individuals who may possess information surrounding the incidents. It could result in future (warplane crash site) excavations."

Southern Africa talks resume

BRAZZAVILLE (R) - South Africa, Angola and Cuba began peace talks Monday racing to meet a Nov. I deadline for a U.N. independence plan for Namibia. Hopes that the three sides meeting under U.S. mediation could reach agreement were raised by a visit last week to South Africa and Angola by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

2 Belgians held in Kuwaiti kidnap case

LONDON (R) - Two Belgians charged with abducting a rich Kuwaiti businessman in Britain were ordered held without bail Monday, and a third suspect surrendered in Belgium. British police said. Eddy Doucet, 31 and Danielle Peuemans, 41, were remanded in custody until a further hearing Oct. 3 during their appearance in a magistrate's court in Northampton, central England. There was no application for bail. A third suspect, Belgian jeweller Willy Schroyens, gave himself up Sunday night to Belgium police.

Israelis kill 3 Palestinians, wound 68

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot dead three Palestinians and wounded at least 68 in clashes during a general strike in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip Monday, Arab and hospital sources said.

Troops made widespread use of plastic bullets against stonethrowing protesters marking a strike called by underground nationalist and Islamic leaders of the nine-month-old Palestinian uprising.

The casualties were among the most serious for months. U.N: officials said Monday

they filed a protest with the army over the six-fold increase in Palestinian casualties in the past two months. Monday's general strike was to

protest the jailing of thousands of Palestinian activists by Israel. Palestinians hoisted white sheets

Officials at Gaza City's Shifa and Ahli hospitals said two Palestinians died from army gunfire, one a doctor employed by the Israeli occupation authorities in the Gaza Strip.

Some of Monday's most severe clashes were in the Arab Jerusalem neighbourhood of Jabal Mukaber, where police shot dead Jamal Matar Shkheir, 23, sparking an emotional mass funeral and hours of clashes with stonethrowing protesters.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said the number of Palestinians shot by army sprayed with red swastikas and gunfire in the Gaza Strip jumped scrawled anti-Israeli grafitti on from 19 in July to 130 in so far

this month. The count did not include Monday's casualty toll. Figures for the West Bank are still being compiled.

"Most of the people being hit are very young. We have raised this repeatedly with the Israelis to no effect," said a UNRWA official, who requested anonymity.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin earlier this month eased restrictions on shooting demonstrators, authorising even junior officers to fire potentially lethal plastic bullets at any stonethrower.

Since then the daily toll of wounded has risen sharply.

"There is a clear trend of a growing use of live ammunition that cannot be justified," said the UNRWA official. "Our concern is very real. This is not just a knee-jerk reaction to a bad day." Reporting the Jabal Mukaber

clashes, an Israeli photographer said about 20 stone-throwers faced off with soldiers, with the

Lebanese go back to work amid Hoss-Aoun standoff

BEIRUT (Agencies) -

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Lebanese went back to work we have to work to make a sis on one side as they did the Monday with no solution in sight siving," said Aiman Haj, a sho- shopping, went to work or packed to the stand-off between two rival governments which has raised fears of formal partition.

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Over 13 years of civil war, Parliament's failure to elect a

Aoun sacks 3 officers

BEIRUT (R) - The head of Lebanon's interim military government replaced three top army officers Monday in an apparent bid to consolidate his power. Military sources said General Michel Aoun fired Colonel Simon Kassis, chief of military intelligence, Lieutenant Colonel Georges Shehwan,

security commander of the intelligence branch, and Colonel Louis Kassis, commander of the presidential guard. They said all were loyal to former President Amin Gemayel. The sources said the replacements - Amer Shehab, Fouad Al Ashkar and Francois Zein -

successor to President Amin Gemayel, whose six-year term ended Friday, set off the worst leadership tussle in Lebanon since independence in 1943.

Minutes before stepping down. Gemayel formed an interim military government led by army commander General Michel Aoun, a Christian Maronite.

The government was intended to rule until a new head of state could be elected, but pro-Syrian

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Major arms treaty possible in 1 year, Reagan tells U.N.

were very close to Aoun.

INITED NATIONS (Agencies) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in a farewell address to the United Nations, said Monday it was "more than a possibility that a treaty curbing intercon-tinental ballistic missiles can be signed with the Soviet Union within the next year.

He called on Iran and Iraq to work with the United Nations towards peace in the Gulf, and he urged the Soviet Union to complete its withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan "at the earliest possible date."

The president also cited positive developments in southern Africa and Kampuchea and said the United States hoped for a peaceful solution to the Arab-İsraeli conflict.

Turning to negotiations on long-range nuclear weapons, the president said: "I can tell this assembly that it is highly doubtful such a treaty can be accomplished in a few months, but I can tell you a year from now is a possibility, more than a possibility."

At the same time he reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to his socalled "Star-Wars" space-based anti-missile defence system, which is opposed by the Soviet Union.

The president reviewed what he said has been progress toward peace in his eight-year administration, but added that "history teaches us caution" and that even in this time of hope, the chance of failure is real."

In his speech Reagan had kind words, in particular, for U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

"Already you, Mr. Secretary General, through your persist-ence, patience and unyielding will, have shown, in working toward peace in Afghanistan and the (Arabian) Gulf, how valuable the United Nations can be," he I downstream facilities through a 430 kilometres from the oil field.

On a sour note, he said Nicaragua - where the Sandinista government and anti-government contra rebels continue their long dispute — was the sole exception to recent progress in major re-

gional conflicts. He called on the Soviet Union to help end the Nicaraguan conflict "by halting the flow of billions of dollars worth of arms and

ammunition to the Sandinista regime, a regime whose goals of regional domination, while ultimately doomed, can continue to cause great suffering to the people of that area and risk Soviet-American relations.

Reagan also stepped up his campaign for a worldwide ban on chemical weapons. He called on the signers of the

1925 Geneva accord that first

outlawed the use of chemical weapons to convene a conference to consider new ways to enforce that agreement.

Reagan also renewed a U.S. call for adoption of a global ban on chemical weapons at arms reduction talks in Geneva,

It was Reagan's seventh appearance before the United Nations. He has addressed the opening session of the General Assembly each year since 1983 and spoke at a special U.N. session on disarmament in 1982.

After his speech, the president planned to meet with Perez de Cuellar, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe, Kuwaiti emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah and



His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad receives Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor upon their return home Monday after visits to Egypt and Britain (Petra photo)

Their Majesties return home

AMMAN (J.T.) - Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor returned home Monday after visits to Egypt and Britain.

The King held talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during the visit to Egypt and again Sunday in London. The King also conferred with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the Middle East situation and the Gulf war as well as various international issues as well as bilateral ties.

Their Majesties visited the Farnborough air show during their stay in Britain.

The King and Queen were received upon their return by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, royal family members, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Cabinet and Parliament members, senior Royal Court officials, the British and Egyptian ambassadors to Jordan and senior government officials,

Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker returned home along with Their Maiesties.

King stresses need for united Palestinian stand

CAIRO (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein has stres-sed the need for the Palestinian people to crystallise a united stand so that efforts could be exerted to support the Palestinian cause in the international scene.

The King, in comments carried by Cairo's Al Ahram daily Monday, said the Egyptian and Jordanian leaderships were in agreement over issues of common interest and hoped to serve the Arab Nation.

The King made the comments to Al Ahram in London after a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday.

The King and Mubarak discussed various issues of concern to the Arab Nation, including the latest developments in the Palestine Problem, Iran-Iraq Lebanon.

the Palestinians had to unify their conflict and the Gulf war. ranks and cooperate with Jordan.

Al Ahram.

He said that once the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) solidified its position, "we will be able to support with all our energies and potentials the Palestinian

Mubarak meets Thatcher Mubarak held an hour of talks

peace talks and the situation in garet Thatcher in London Monday and a British spokesman said Mubarak told Al Ahram that they discussed the Middle East

The spokesman said the two "I repeat that it is necessary to leaders supported the idea of an crystallise the Palestinian position international peace conference with constant and continuous on the Middle East under U.N. coordination with Jordan, then sponsorship. Both leaders ackwith the rest of the Arab coun-nowledged that significant progtries," he was quoted as saying by ress was unlikely after the Israeli general elections and the U.S. presidential elections in

November. Mubarak also sought British support for his handling of

Egypt's economy. The British spokesman said Mubarak wanted British backing in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a gradual approach to reforming Egypt's

Pakistan: 5 dead in Afghan raid

Moscow says 16 killed in rocket attacks on Kabul

MOSCOW (Agencies) - Rebel rockets killed 16 people in Kabul Monday and a senior Soviet correspondent in the city said guerrillas had seized one Afghan province and partially controlled seven

In Islamabad, Pakistani officials said Afghan air force jets bombed a Pakistani border area Monday killing at least five people, including four children.

They said six bombers penetrated about eight kilometres into Kurram tribal area in northwest Pakistan and dropped six bombs. Seven people were injured.

State-run Pakistan Television put the death toll at six and said Islamabad had lodged a strong protest with the Afghan government. It was the sixth time this month Pakistan has accused Afghanistan of bombing its territory.

Kabul has denied the charges. The official Soviet news agency TASS said 27 people were wounded and 11 buildings were destroyed in Monday's early morning missile attack by rebels, the latest in a mounting series of rocket assaults that have killed dozens of people since July.

In another attack in Logar province south of Kabul, TASS said, five people died and six were injured by a missile strike on the town of Pulialam — in an area believed now largely evacuated by Soviet forces pulling out of the country.

News of the latest assaults coincided with a report in the

Communist Party newspaper Pravda suggesting the Kabul government of President Najibullah was under increasing pressure from

N. Yemen announces new oil finds

SANAA (AP) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in a national day speech Monday, announced fresh oil discoveries in North Yemen and said reserves of natural gas were now estimated at 5.5 trillion

Saleh did not give details of the potential of the find, nor did he mention its location. But he declared that before the end of the year, the first offshore

oil well will be spudded in Red Sea deep waters between the areas known as Al Mokha and Al Khokha. He underlined that oil exploration was continuing in the regions

eastern side of North Yemen, and in the central parts. North Yemen made its first commercial oil find only four

It has no fixed output, but has

years ago.

150.000 to 400.000 barrels per day. Its crude oil reserves are estimated at one billion barrels. In addition to the pipeline, a floating storage depot of three million barrels was installed.

The first oil discovery was in Safer in the Mareb basin and reported in 1984. In December 1985, it was declared commercial with output estimated at 10,000 barrels per day and reserves initially put at 500 million barrels. Two years later, the reserves dou-

In April 1986 the first refinery was inaugurated with a capacity of Mareb and Jawf on the of 10,000 barrels per day, covering 30 per cent of domestic demand. In December 1987, North Yemen's first oil export shipment was

Three foreign companies, Hunt Oil of the United States, Total of France and Exxon of the United States, have been awarded concessions. Hunt Yemen Oil Co., the sub-

sidiary created to oversee the exploration and production in the country, operates in the eastern parts. It also won the offshore oil concession.

Total has a concession in the central parts, and Exxon in inland areas in coastal regions.

R.K. Olsen, vice-president of Hunt Yemen Oil Co. and M. Nicholas, director-general of the company, said in an interview last week they estimated their company would be operating in North Yemen for another two decades at least.

Observers meanwhile noted made from a port established on that for the first time since the overthrow of the monarchy in the Red Sea and named Ras Isa, 1962, National Day celebrations

instead, some 60,000 school girls and boys, all dressed in military fatigues, paraded through the streets.

Official delegations, flanking the president at the ceremony near the Monument of the Unknown Soldier in Midan Al Sabeen Square, included Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Also present were Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, and an official delegation from South Yemen.

Despite ideological differences, North and South Yemen

are working towards unity.

The Aden delegation was led by Deputy Prime Minister Saleh Abu Bakr Ibn Hassanoun and Minister of State for Unity Affairs Rashed Mohammad

with British Prime Minister Mar-U.S. to end Gulf convoys

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan decided Monday to end U.S. convoys of American-flagged ships in the Gulf but will keep U.S. forces in the waterway to aid threatened ships, the White House announced.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters that Reagan acted "after reviewing the current ceasefire... which has been in effect since Aug. 20, and consulting with allies and friends in the region."

There have been no attacks on Gulf shipping since the ceasefire began.

Fitzwater said the president made the decision in Washington before leaving for the United Nations, where he was to discuss the change with heads of state from the region. Reagan, after a farewell speech

to the U.N. General Assembly.

had meetings set with Sheikh

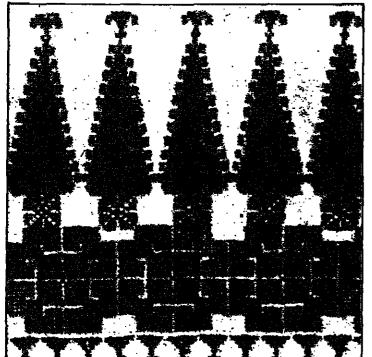
Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the

emir of Kuwait, and with leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council. When asked whether the move could lead to normalisation of relations with Iran, Fitzwater said: "We've always said we're

willing to talk to authorised Iranian officials." But he said there have been no requests from Iran for a meeting and that there has been no news regarding the American hostages

held in Lebanon. The convoy operation, begun 14 months ago, involved a precise navy formation used to protect against potential Iranian attacks Kuwaiti tankers reregistered under the U.S. flag.

> Peking Restaurant is fully booked Today, 27/9/88



By Inea Bushnag THERE is a bedouin folktale about a moth, an owl, a swallow and a frog who lived together. One evening, a traveller rode up to the door of their tent and they welcomed him as their guest, setting food before him and offering shelter for the night. But when the moon set and the darkness was black as being blind, a carry those marks to this day. robber crept up to the guest's fine riding camel, slashed through the tethers and made off with her. The animals were awakened by the cries of their guest and rushed in every direction to try and trace the lost animal. The owl flitted over some nearby ruins, the swallow winged his way towards the grazing grounds and the frog investigated the bottom of the closest well. But it was no use.

them flying into an open flame. Another story tells of the bedouins, in search of new pasture for their herds, who sent out a raven, a partridge and a dove to scout the surrounding terrain. In no time at all the raven was back. saying that there was not a blade of grass to be seen. The partridge and the dove had a different story to tell. According to them, a mere two days' march away was fresh grass, soft as a lady's hair. Well, the bedouins decided to move towards the grazing and

found that the raven had told

The camel was gone. Unable to

endure the disgrace of failing to

protect the guest in her tent, the

moth flung herself into the fire.

The memory of that shame still

drives her descendants to do the

same. Any night you may see

them nothing but a lie, for there stretched the grass before them. To punish him for his falsehood. they painted the raven black as deceit. As for the dove, they stained her feet a pretty pink with henna dye, just like a young bride, and the eyes of the partridge they brightened with a black line of kohl. If you doubt this, you may check, for the birds

Two unimportant tales to pass an idle moment around the evening thornbrush fire; and yet they hold clues to what makes possible a unique way of life in the austere setting of the desert. Where the distance between one water hole and the next means days of travel, hospitality is no mere politeness but a matter of life and death. Guest-friendship, therefore, assumes a mystic significance. Even an enemy, once he has tasted salt at a man's hearth, will receive his host's protection. The moth's reaction in the story may seem extreme, but it is in keeping with a long-lived tradi-

Similarly, when constant travel reduces possessions to absolute essentials and the whole community is moveable, packed and ready to go at a moment's notice. then as much as possible has to be portable. It is no coincidence that the richest artistic legacy of the Arab desert culture is its recited poetry, dating back to pre-Islamic times. Where there is no baggage space for written contracts, no courthouse buildings with archive vaults, a man's word has to be binding as it stands. No wonder that the treacherous raven was painted black

Honour, good name

While researching material for the manuscript of Arab Folktales, I was struck again and again by how much information the simplest story carried about the people who told it. For example, I found myself having to explain to my American editor why it was not horrendous that the father in a bedouin tale had killed his own son when he discovered that the youth had behaved dishonorably

Folktales... the interface of myth and reality

towards the neighbour who had sheltered him. To an outsider, the punishment may appear disproportionate; yet, when one has read a number of these folk stories, a clear picture emerges. Where material trappings are minimal and death can mow down the richest herd after a rainless spell, one of the few possessions of value a man can hold and call his own is his honour and his good name.

There is a legendary story on this theme from the sixth century. before Mohammad became the Messenger of God, about the wandering poet-king Imru' al-Qays, who sought refuge in the fortess of Samaw'al and left his precious armour in his keeping. After Imru' al-Qays had been killed, his enemy besieged Samaw'al's castle, asking for the hero's arms. But Samaw'al refused to betray his trust. He did not waver, even when his son was taken hostage and threatened with death. He composed a poem which ends: "I have kept my pledge and the armour of the dead Kindite. Though other men may break their promises, my word is true." And with his own eyes, he saw his son killed before the fortess wall. Every Arab high school boy can recite the first couplet of Imru' al-Qays' mu'allaqa poem, but even the illiterate know about Samaw'al's loyalty, which has become proverbial. What Samaw'al did has made his name immortal.

The importance accorded such intangible assets as "honour" and "fame" pervades even the love stories of the desert. Most familiar European fairy tales and happily ever after, with the prince marrying the princess or the deserving heroine. Arab peasant folktales, too, will close with a wedding and sometimes a little rhyme, like:

They lived on in happiness and

They had many children, both girls and boys Then Death took them who

everything destroys.

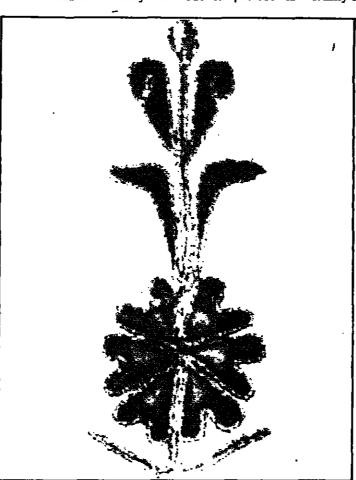
Arab hospitality

already betrothed. As likely as is the enemy of God and man!" not, she was promised at birth to

side, which is the custom. placing the happiness of the lovers above his own, foregoes his right to the girl. Aaah! what a generous thing to do. Since generosity of heart and opengenerosity is one of the qualities

'Where material trappings are minimal and death can mow down the richest herd after a rainless spell, one of the few possessions of value a man can hold and call his own is his honour and his good name."

much admired by Arabs, the And quite early in his life, he cousin's gesture rather than the managed to dismay his father lovers' wedding becomes the with this exceptional quality. Sent dramatic climax. Usually the out to pasture the family's



"Where the distance between one water hole and the next means days of travel, hospitality is no mere politeness but a matter of life and death."

among the bedouin tales and of fine armour and full-blooded is not the grandest moment. Very sentence like "So it is when men would travel across the desert. often the woman the hero sees are noble!" or "Only he who is once and falls sick with love for is narrow-hearted and ungenerous

> eagles or the mother of Hatim, who would surpass all men in handedness. She chose Hatim.

ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th

centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jahal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by

arusts from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalst artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

There are great love stories cousin is then rewarded with gifts camels. Hatim returned happily to announce that he had brought there is a sound of wedding horses — and maybe the hero's fame to the ancestral name, since drums and celebration when the sister as a wife - and the story he had made a gift of every last ends with a note of applause in a camel and the news of his deed

Such is the legend. But legends are the creations of people, The byword for generosity is fashioned in their own image her first cousin on her father's the legendary Hatim at-Tay. as they would like themselves to When his mother was a bride, she be, and thus they become a typical beaked coffee pot next to One of the grand moments in heard a voice in her dream offer- standard to live up to; their func- a tray on which are three coffee the stories is when the cousin, ing her a choice: To become the tion fulfilled when the line bemother of ten sons as brave as tween mythology and history begins to blur. Consider the following anecdote, for example. In his book Arabian Sands, Wilfred How close in spirit to Hatim Thesiger, who explored the Rub'

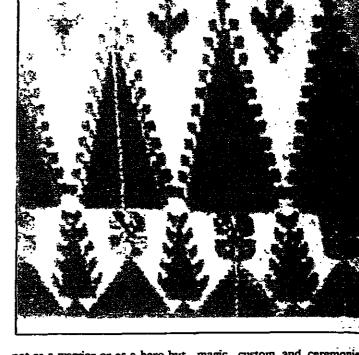
Arabian Peninsula in the late 1940s, describes the arrival at his camp one day of a bedraggled old man with a limp. Everyone in the camp crowded around the old beggar, offering him welcome, making him comfortable and greeting him with great warmth. Wondering why such a man should receive so much attention. Thesiger asked about him and was told that he belonged to such and such a tribe and was famous. What was he famous for? His generosity. He had been a rich man, but for every guest who came to his tent he had killed a camel until he had nothing left. "By God, he is generous!" exclaimed the bedouin informant, and Thesiger comments, "I could hear the envy in his voice." They say that after Hatim at-

al-Khali or Empty Quarter of the

Tay's death a group of rival tribesmen, jealous of his renown, happened to camp near his grave. Where was the generous one now, they sneered. It turned out that he was not far, because during the night he appeared to one of the men in a dream, killing the man's camel and inviting him to feast on the meat. Next morning, the man discovered that his camel had somehow cut itself during the night and was dead. So the tribesmen built a fire and cooked the camel's flesh and feasted lavishly. Later, on resuming their journey, they met Hatim at-Tay's son on their way. He was leading a black camel which be said his father had instructed him to offer to the tribesman travelling without a camel. Though his father was dead, he had seen him in a dream the night before. Again, an echo of the legend is

to be found within traceable

memory, this time in some sculpted stones in Jordan. A German orientalist on an expedition to Petra in 1898 reported being shown a stone marker south of Qatranah at Mawda' as-Sahn or Place of the Platter, a spot in Jordan where "a hundred years ago," according to his guide, a bedouin sheikh famous for his hospitality had entertained the caravans of pilgrims on their way to Mecca. Carved into the ground were rough symbols representing the sheikh's lance, his pair of pistols, and the large round mansaf or metal tray on which he on layers of bread or rice. In the same report was drawing of the grave of another bedouin, south of Madaba. Three crudely sculptured panels record the hospitality of the deceased. They show a cups, a wooden mortar and pestle with which coffee would be pounded, and a curious ladle used for roasting coffee beans. at-Tay to want to be remembered



not as a warrior or as a hero but magic, custom and ceremonies, as a host.

magic, custom and ceremonies, as well as folk stories. The Folk-

Clues, clues

Like the silk embroidery threads that twist across the plain homespun of traditional peasant thobs, or dresses, the folk stories are very much entwined in everyday life, even if they dwell on the more dramatic, the highly coloured events and moments. Ideal and timeless, they nevertheless pass on the clues to what is admired, what deplored, the tellers and those who listened to them. In them are contained the main traditions and, thus, the cultural identity of a people.

Though a far cry from Hatim at-Tay and other folk heroes, the fact remains that to this day in Jordan and elsewhere in the Arab World one cannot pass a humble goathered sitting in the mouth of the cave where he lives or a group of women bent over their work at the edge of a field without being invited to share a cup of coffee or a glass of tea. And still there are men living who count with pleasure the number of guests they have feasted by the herds they have slaughtered and offered up on the altar of hospitality. Such is the hold of the ancient Arab ideal that, for a man who is noble, his what he gives away.

The times are changing at a to other entertainers, in books or great a loss. How can we replace on the radio and now television, a noble man!" - Jordan magathe fear of losing the old tales zine. eventually prompts people to copy them down and preserve them. They are recognised as a precious heritage. In Jordan, interest in folklore has been growing, as the old ways slip into history to be replaced by modern methods and techniques. For almost 15 years, the Jordan Department of Culture and Arts has been publishing a folklore quarterly, Al-Funoon ash-Sha beyya. which gathers within its pages the texts of folk songs. the prescriptions used in folk medicine, information on food,

lore Museum, beneath the Roman amphitheatre in Amman houses an excellent collection of antique tools and utensils; and beautifully displayed, in a second museum nearby, is an exhibition of folk costumes in all their rich variety of colour and stitching.

At present, it seems unthinkable that there might be a day when the ideals of behaviour inherited from the heroic age of desert living are forgotten or discarded as out of date. After all, they are the hallmark of Arah identity. Still, it seems just as well to have reminders of the old ways in the form of stories like this

A prince, touring his quarter to see how his people were faring, found a woman weeping and asked her why she wept. "My only son has died," she said, "he kept me in comfort, poor widow that I am. How shall I live now? The prince consoled her with the promise of a mule. If she rented it out, it would work for her and keep her as comfortably as she had been before. Proceeding on his way, the prince met another mother weeping over the grave of her son. When he asked her about him, she said that he used to fill his tent with guests and that wealth is measured not by what the noblest men would gather at he keeps for himself but rather by his feasts. For her, the prince could find no consoling words. "Weep on. O mother of a generbreathtaking pace, but wherever ous and hospitable son," he told the old storytellers are giving way her, "there is no comfort for so.

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21:35	Round-up of Seoul Olympics
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Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Tel. 664240. SERVICE CLUBS

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Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757, Sunday English mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).
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Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmersani, Tel. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m., Rev. N. Smir 811295.

Rainbow Congregation, (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenical English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel, 822605. Rev. Veli. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264.

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Prince receives Saudi rince

Highness Crown Prince and the Regent, received at Hanna, the Regent, received at the bian Governor of Tabouk Province Prince Fahd Ibn Sultan Ibn About Aziz who conveyed King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz's greetings to His Majesty King Hussein and the Regent.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed bilateral cooperation in the presence of Interior Minister Rajai Dajani and other

Also Monday, Prince Fahd accompanied by Dajani, visited one of the Special Forces' units. The guest was received by His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, the commander of the Special Forces, and a number of officers.

The Special Forces' commander briefed the guest on the establishment and development of these

Dajani held a separate meeting with Prince Fahd during which they reviewed bilateral relations and issues of common interest. Border security questions, transit and travel of citizens from

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seminar on

political regimes in the Arab

World will open Tuesday at the

Regency Hotel in Amman under

the patronage of His Royal High-

ness Crown Prince Hassan, the

The Seminar is organised by

the Arab Political Science Asso-

Seminar to discuss Arab

Concorde lands in Agaba

here Monday with 100 tourists, of local officials.

ish Airways Concorde landed the visitors along with a number

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibition: "Contemporary Arab Artists," at Al Wasiti

Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Honsing Bank

"The Individual, Sport and Olympic Games" Book Exhibit, at

Book exhibition, at the Professional Association Complex.

Book exhibition, at Al Walaja Cooperative Society, Jabal

Folkloric exhibition, at the A! Manarah Social Development

Photo exhibition entitled "Tourist Tours" to mark the World

An exhibition of paintings by Mohammad Shamseddine, at the

An exhibition of antiquities of Tell Abu Hamid agricultural

MUSIC

America's music "Dixieland," at the American Centre — 7:00

FILM

* Polish film, "An Ephithat for Barbara Radzvil, Drama," at the

A film entitled "In the Middle of the Heart," at the Goethe

* A film entitled "Animal Farm," at the British Council — 7:00

* A feature (ilm (video) on Soviet art, at the Soviet Cultural

DIALOGUE

Dr. Mubarak Awad and Mr. Eizenstat exchange views with Dr.

Walid Al Sa'di on the Middle East peace process and the

Palestinian question, at the American Centre - 4:00 p.m.

LECTURE

* Dr. Moawiyah Ibrahim gives a lecture on "Post-Tell Abu Hamid

and early City-States in Jordan," at the French Cultural Centre

settlement in the Jordan Valley, at the French Cultural Centre.

Tourism Day, at the Soviet Cultural Centre.

Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

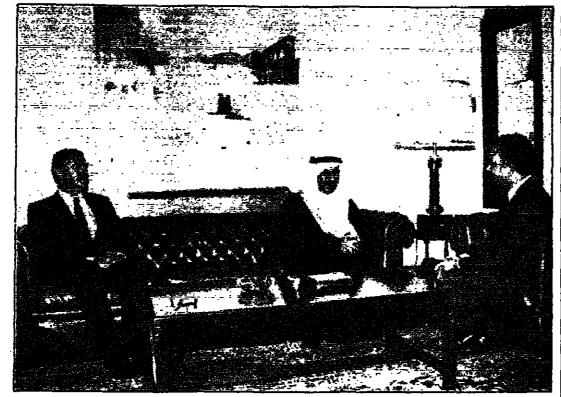
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World political regimes



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Fahd Ibn Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, governor of Regent, Monday receives in his office Saudi Prince Tabouk.

dent Jawad Al Anani, who

briefed him on the society's prog-

RSS will be a ile to launch scien-

tific cooper: !ion programmes

with Saudi Arabian research cen-

protection of children - a

national priority," according to

an announcement here Monday

by Noor Al Hussein Foundation

The announcement said that

The meeting was attended by

Anani expressed hope that the

rammes and development.

mon border and other topics were

also discussed at the meeting. The Saudi prince arrived in Amman Sunday night at the head of an official delegation on a five-day visit to Jordan for talks

with senior government officials. The Saudi prince was received by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai in the presence of Interior Minister Rajai Dajani and the meeting was dedicated to discussions on Jordanian-Saudi Arabian coop-

His Majesty King Hussein's advisor on tribal affairs and Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Jordan Council of Science and Technolowere present at the meeting. gy secretary general, who spoke Prince Fahd, accompanied by on his department's mission to link technological programmes Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani, visited the Royal Scientific Sociewith national development ty (RSS), and met with its Presi-

> Dr. Anani later presented the visitor with the RSS's shield to commemorate his visit.

The Civil Defence Department was the next stop in Prince Fahd's tour; and senior department officials briefed the guest on the various duties of the civil defence services in the Kingdom.

Dr. Adnan Badran, the Higher Jordan to mark Arab Child Day on Oct. 3

meeting which is expected to last three days. The meeting he added will

ciation in cooperation with the Abu Jaber said working papers University of Jordan according to from Algeria, Egypt, Syria Palesthe association's executive board tine, Jordan and other Arab director Professor Kamel Abu states and the Arab League will

Abu Jaber told the Jordan

AOABA (Petra, J.T.) - A Brit-

dan touring archaeological sites

The Concorde trip, which is

organised in cooperation with

Goodwood Travel Agency of the

U.K., is the second of its kind to

Jordan following a similar suc-

cessful trip organised by the agen-

cy last year on His Majesty King

Hussein's birthday, which falls on

Gallery, Piaza Hotel.

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and other places of interest.

Times that Prince Hassan will deliver the opening address to the

tackle the political situations in different parts of the Arab World, regional and international developments and inter-Arab re-

be reviewed by the participants.

Ajlouni was at Aqaba to welcome

with bouquets of flowers upon

disembarking from the plane as

the Public Security Department

brass bands played national

The tourists will be taken to

sites in Agaba, Petra, and Wadi

Rum, before flying by Concorde

to Amman to visit Jerash, the

Dead Sea and other areas. The

tours include a trip by train to a

number of regions.

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will and art exhibition for children, celebrate Arab Child Day on children plays and competitions, Oct. 3 under the patronage of health and social activities, semi-Her Majesty Queen Noor under nars and lectures in a number of the slogan "the development and

The event, the announcement said, aims to orient the members of the public on the importance of child care and to underline the importance of family participathe celebration comprises a set of tion in child care and services programmes which include book programmes.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMBASSADORS RECEIVESD: Deputy Prime Minis-Kuwaiti Ambassador in Amman Sulaiman Salem Al Fisam existing relations and means of developing them, particularly in education. He also received Omani Ambassador Bashir Faraj and UAE Ambassador Abdullah Al Shurafa at the end of their tour of

COUNCILS APPRECIATE DEBT WAIVER: Heads of municipal councils in Irbid met to discuss the government's decision to waive JD 13 million owing from water bills and land appropriations, and later sent cables to His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai expressing appreciation and gratitude.

RALLY IN SALT: A public rally was Monday held at Uqbah Ibn Nafi' secondary school in Salt in support of the Sudanese people. The governor of Balqa' delivered a speech explaining the scale of damage to the Sudanese economy as a result of the latest floods. Other speeches were also delivered urging the citizens to make contributions to the Sudanese people. It was decided, during the rally, to form 14 committees from various parts of the governorate to collect contributions.

WASTEWATER SEMINAR: Participants in a seminar on the recycling of treated wastewater Monday heard a number of lectures and reviewed working papers dealing with germs in waste water, means of protecting the public and harmful effects on the agricultural

KHATIB RETURNS FROM SWEDEN: Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib returned to Amman Monday following a visit to Sweden where he discussed Jordanian-Swedish cooperation in solving environmental problems.

MA'AN EDUCATION: The Ministry of Education has embarked on a number of projects in Ma'an governorate at the cost of JD 926,000. The ministry is setting up a new educational department, warehouses, and a library.

ISLAMIC EXHIBITION: An Islamic book exhibition and charity bazaar were Monday opened at the University of Jordan's Islamic Cultural Centre with books covering a wide-range of subjects.

FUHAIS TROUPE TO VISIT IRAQ: The Fuhais folk troupe will take part in the Babylon cultural festival in Iraq and will present a number of performances and national dances. The troupe, which was

created in 1982, has taken part in similar festivals in Jerash, and FOOD CONTAMINATION: The Zarqa municipality has destroyed three tonnes of contaminated food supplies found to be unfit for human consumption. Municipality health officials said a total of 25 tonnes of rotten food has been destroyed in Zarqa since the

beginning of 1988. AZRAQ COOPERATIVES: The Jordan Cooperative Organisation (ICO) Monday organised a seminar in Azraq for local cooperatives to discuss their activities and programmes. The seminar dwelt particularly on the activities of the Azraq society for salt refining which has been operating a JD 914,000 plant, and another by a cooperative society for breeding fish in fresh water, a project

which cost JD 109,000. CENTRAL HEATING: The Housing Corporation Director General has set up technical committees to supervise the operation of central heating systems for the Abu Nuseir housing estate north west of Amman. He said that the committees will take charge of the boilers, and the central heating networks as of the beginning of next month.

UNIVERSITY CONSULTATIONS: The University of Jordan and the Italian University of Trieste Monday signed in Amman a programme for scientific and technical cooperation between the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan and the Desert and Desertification department at Trieste University. The programme includes cooperation and coordination in the field of scientific research, and combat of desertification. Earlier, the university's Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Dean of Students' Affairs Monday met with the visiting Vice President of Al Zaqaziq University in Egypt, and an accompanying delegation.

Hamzeh stresses importance of political will

vide the base to work with in the

He went on to say that while

the Arab countries have experts

in maternity health care, interna-

tional organisations — the World Health Organisation (WHO), the

United Nations Population Fund

(UNFPA), the United Nations

Children's Fund (UNICEF) and

the World Bank - cooperate

with these countries to improve

Sudanese Minister of Health

said that many of the recom-

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With commitment, maternal mortality can be halved by 2000°

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "Commitment to accomplish" was clearly the key slogan at the end of a three-day regional conference on safe motherhood at which thirteen countries pledged to continue efforts to eliminate maternal mortality and improve maternal

At a press conference held at the end of the meetings, Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh said "all countries participating in the conference pledged continued commitment towards halving maternal mortality in the Arab World by the year 2000."

"It is a hidden catastrophe when half a million pregnant women die each year, 99 per cent of them in the Third World, from causes that can be prevented. We must face this with a commitment to reduce this unnecessarily high rate," Hamzeh said.

He added that in order to reduce maternal mortality by half, the most important aspect is the political will to do so. By sticking to the principle of primary health care, the minister believes that this goal can be

"By developing and increasing primary health care centres, including mother and child care. and family planning, the goal can be achieved if there is commitment," he stated, adding that primary health care is very inex-

Asked what the maternal mortality rate in Jordan was, Hamzeh said there were no accurate statistics, but that one of the recommendations of the conference calls on comprehensive studies to be conducted. These would pro-

Diplomats' club reopens in Amman

By a Jordan Times

AMMAN - Diplomats came together Monday evening at the first meeting of the season for the International Club for Diplo-

The cocktail party, held at the Holiday Inn, marked the opening of the fifth season of the International Club for Diplomats, which was established for "social and cultural reasons."

According to the president of the club's steering committee, Nagui Al Ghatrifi, the club was started because social round in Jordan was quiet, especially for younger diplomats.

Over the past five years, the club has expanded to include over 60 male and female members, who attend on average once a

Activities include cocktail parties, dinner and dance, lunches with speakers, excursions to sites throughout the Kingdom and trips around the region, said Ghatrifi who is presently counsellor at the Egyptian embassy.

Several activities are sponsored by the various ministries, "We are given every assistance including lunch and transportation," said former stearing committee president, David Whitehead. who is also Information Officer at the British Embassy.

In addition, the club, which is restricted to diplomats in Jordan (ambassadors excepted), provides its members with a "discount list" of bookstores, hotels, supermarkets, doctors and de-

"Individual (professionals and owners) have offered discounts for the club members," said Whitehead.

Speaking in his individual capacity as a club member. Whitehead voiced his appreciation for the availability of such club in Jordan.

"The club has grown over the past two to three years. There are many events, such as visiting the King Hussein Bridge, which we would not have been able to do without the club," said Whitehead who described other events held by the club as "superb."

Activities are compiled in a programme during the stearing committee's monthly meeting. Each committee is elected for a one year term, renewable for an additional term, by the members during a general meeting towards the end of April or beginning of

The club is not housed on any individual property. Whitehead said that hotels or any other available space is used.

reach their patients in time,"

The minister did not quote a figure for total aid received by Sudan for the flood victims, but said that "65 to 70 per cent of the relief was from Arab countries. including Jordan, whose gifts we deeply appreciate." He added that a Palestinian medical team has also come to the North African country to assist in any way

The Health Minister of the Democratic Republic of Yemen also spoke at the press conference, saying that there are no bilateral health relations between his country and Jordan besides trade protocol in medicines. 'We don't have a problem with

We have plenty of informamedical professionals in South tion in this field, and we know the Yemen, but we might lack doccauses of maternal mortality. So tors in certain specialised fields. My Jordanian colleague and I will we are now on our way to solving this problem," Hamzeh comdiscuss on improving bilateral relations," the minister said.

He added that his country has a Ohaj Mohammad Mousa, who "family law" by which women's rights have been improved. "For' was also at the press conference, example, they have rights to mendations, which still have to be education, careers, maternity endorsed by the participating leave — and polygamy has been health ministers from six Arab banned. We learn new lessons everyday from other countries as countries, are very practical and have crucial importance to to how we can improve the standard of living," the visiting minis-"We have a very high rate of ter noted.

maternal mortality in Sudan, mainly because of transportation Fred Sai spoke on the results of countries.

problems, especially after the the Safe Motherhood conference latest floods. We need transport held in Nairobi, Kenya, last year, facilities for medical teams to saying achievements have been

very satisfactory.
"First of all, ther is a keen interest in following up the Nairobi conference (i.e. the Amman conference), and the financial targets for proposed programmes have been adequately reached,'

He added that another achievement of last year's conference is that research proposals on this subject have come in, and "there is an on-going dialogue on re-

"Also, within the World Bank, the message has gone out that primary health care projects should reflect priority concern in this area," Sai added.

The WHO representative at the conference, R. Cooke, said that due to research, the dimensions of the problem are coming into clear focus, and that concerned parties are "gathering know-how in techniques that would be applicable in the developing countries.

"There has been a growing commitment since the Nairobi conference, and we are hardening both our commitment and our knowledge," Cooke said. He added that countries like Sweden and Norway have also increased the proportion of aid they allocate to the improvement of World Bank representative maternal health in developing

Bulgaria praises Jordan's efforts for Mideast peace

SOFIA (Petra) — Bulgaria's first noted. He said Bulgaria hopes Vice-President Pietur Tanchev that peace will be established in has paid tribute to Jordan's contribution to establishing peace in the Middle East, and referred to His Majesty King Hussein's talks with Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev during his visit to the Soviet Union as having had a great impact on Bulgaria and the rest of Tanchev was speaking during a

meeting with Upper House of totally unrealistic," Tanchev Parliament Speaker Ahmad Law- added. the International Parliamentary an invitation from the Bulgarian Union (IPU) meeting in the Bulgarian capital.

"The whole world is now oriented towards peace and the end of all conflicts and sources of tension, especially in the wake of the superpower summit confer- dan's deep appreciation of Bul-

the Middle East region.

"Israel's practices in the occupied Arab territories and its repressive measures against the Palestinian people ran contrary to the peace-oriented world community's objectives and aspirations, and the Jewish state's expansionist policies in disregard of international public opinion is

president to His Majesty King Hussein to pay an official visit to Bulgaria, a visit which, he said, nificance.

For his part, Lawzi voiced Jorence in Moscow," Tanchev garia's support for the just Arab

causes and the Palestinian people. "Jordanian-Bulgarian relations are unique, and aim at serving the cultural and trade interests of the two countries."

Referring to the 750 Jordanian students studying in Bulgaria Lawzi said they were enjoying good care and hospitality from the host country. Referring to the Middle East

question, Lawzi noted that His Majesty King Hussein was oriented towards regional and inremoving all sources of tension world-wide. 'For this reason, he was intensifying his efforts with the Western and Eastern counwould have a great political sig- tries to stop the Iran-Iraq war, end the Afghanistan conflict, and he continues his endeavours to bring peace to the Middle East

Abu Taleb receives French army chief

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gilbert Forray met in Amman Monday with Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb and heard a briefing on the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

The French guest was officially welcomed upon arrival at the armed forces general headquar-

AMMAN (Petra) - French ters where he met with senior

army officers. Forray later visited the Martyr's Monument and inspected items on display inside the monument relating the story of the Jordanian Armed Forces development and different types of

years. Accompanied by French sites in the Kingdom.

Ambassador to Jordan Patrick Leclercq, Forray visited the Royal War College and was briefed on its duties and prog-

rammes.

Forray, who arrived here Sunday evening on a four-day visit to Jordan, will later meet with other weapons used by them over the Jordanian officials and tour military positions and archaeological

JAMPCO concludes new deal to export vegetables to Europe

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Pro-cessing Company (JAMPCO) has concluded contracts with countries of the European Community (EC) as well as Sweden and Austria to sell them 5.000 tonnes of Jordanian agricultural pro-ducts in the 1988-1989 agricultural season, JAMPCO Director General Ghazi Abu Hassan announced Monday.

He said that as of early November 1988, JAMPCO will start shipping tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet and hot pepper, beans, eggplants and marrows, and contacts are underway to sell other shipments to Holland and Belgium later on.

Contacts are also underway with Lebanon to sell Jordanian crops in return for Lebanese apples, Abu Hassan noted. He said plans are being made

to import 5,000 tonnes of apples, and 400 tonnes of garlic from Syria in partial settlement of the cost of Jordanian products imported earlier by the Syrian State Corporation for Fruits and Vegetables.

Jordan earlier this month sent an experimental shipment of agricultural products to Djibouti via Egypt, and plans are underway to organise future shipments by air directly to that country, Abu

Referring to the new agreements with the European Com-

munity (EC) Abu Hassan said able prices, he added.

JAMPCO had been in the pracOn JAMPCO's pro tice of bartering agricultural crops with those countries for has received 42,665 tonnes of their fruit imported by Jordan, but after the latest agreement the Europeans will settle the deal in foreign currency now that European markets have become famil-

nian products. Abu Hassan said JAMPCO. which takes charge of importexport operations and meeting the needs of the local market of agricultural produce, has recently interfered with local merchants who used to sell locally produced

iar with the high-quality Jorda-

largest possible profit margin, Abu Hassan explained.

JAMPCO solved the problem Jordan Valley, Abu Hassan by purchasing the apples directly noted. them in the market for reason- to market the plant's products.

On JAMPCO's programmes. Abu Hassan said the company locally produced tomatoes from the Jordan Valley and the high regions during the present sea-son, which will be processed at the company plants.

The company also produced 5,849 tonnes of tomato paste of which 2,000 tonnes have been exported to Egypt and 1,000 tonnes to Iraq at competitive prices, while it offered the rest for sale in the local markets, Abu Hassan

apples for exhorbitant prices.

The local merchants used to store large consignments of ap-He said the company has finalples, supplying the markets only tion by Jan. 15. "This plant will with a trickle so as to ensure the have a capacity of 20,000 tonnes of juice annually, and will be processing fruits produced in the

from the local farmers selling. He said contacts are underway

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Hassan added.

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Lebanon — a temporary split?

THE failure of the Lebanese parliament to elect a new president prior to the end of the term of President Amin Gemayel September 24 has brought Lebanon, the whole of Lebanon, into yet another abyss.

The string of crises which erupted some fourteen years ago in Lebanon does not seem to end in spite of its high cost in human and material terms. The latest paralysis in the Lebanese political structure gave birth to two "governments" competing for acceptance, recognition and legitimacy, both locally and internationally.

Some observers view this most recent setback as an additional degeneration that could herald a de facto partition of Lebanon. This pessimistic projection may not be borne out by developments in Lebanon, as negative and as serious as they are.

To begin with, both rival governments of Prime Minister Salim Hoss and General Michel Aoun, who was also appointed as prime minister by ex-President Gemayel literally minutes before the end of his six-year term of office. view themselves as temporary and transitory, with the sole purpose of acting as caretaker governments until true legitimacy is restored to Lebanon upon the election of a new

Moreover, both Hoss and Aoun regard themselves as the governments of the whole of Lebanon, thus repudiating the thesis that the existing political phase in Beirut is a prelude to a de jure partition of Lebanon. Both "governments" are engaged in contacts with major powers internationally and regionally, including Syria, which enjoys a special role in

Under these circumstances, the energies of both "governments" must converge on the election of a new president in the shortest possible time, as the only viable and permanent guarantee against the division of Lebanon by petty sectarian and special interests.



ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

TWO of the local Arabic dailies Monday commented on the government's decision to write off bills due for payment by municipal councils, describing it as a constructive step to promote the work of municipalities. The decision means that the government realises the heavy burdens shouldered by the local councils and strives to help them carry out their duties, Al Ra'i daily said in its editorial. But it said this decision should prompt all citizens to pay their dues to the municipal councils and cooperate with them in a manner that would ensure the continuation of such services. The decision also means that the local councils can now benefit from government assistance for two years, which serves as a breathing space, enabling them to reorganise their work and resume full services at the best possible level, the paper added. The newspaper concluded by saying: The government decision came at a time when the councils were in utmost need of financial help, thus reflecting a genuine keenness by the Kingdom's leadership in helping local councils

For its part Al Dustour daily said that writing off some JD 13 million due for payment by municipalities for land appropriation and water bills, has removed a heavy burden from the local councils. This step willing doubt projects and fulfil their mission, the paper noted. It described this step as positive and reflecting His Majesty King Hussein's keenness on caring for his people. give these councils a new impetus and a new opportunity to carry out

Al Shaab daily referred to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's visit to the Jordan University of Science and Technology Sunday and his speech in which he advocated proper planning for all projects. The paper backed the Prince's idea of offering students a chance to move to their own environment and offer services to their local community. Prince Hassan's call for the employment of conscripts and other young men and women in various social and economic services is bound to gain the youth considerable experience in life, enabling them to adapt to future needs, the paper concluded.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Yes for a Palestinian state

A GUEST columnist for Al Dustour Arabic daily calls on the Palestinians to be realistic and accept the idea of recognising Israel in return for an independent Palestinian state. Nimer Serhan says in his article: "I do not speak on behalf of all the Palestinians but as a single individual in a future Palestinian state an independent state in Palestine... I say ... we ought to recognise Israel; and had I been a member of the Palestine National Council which is to convene shortly I would strongly advocate my views." Serhan adds. The writer expresses the view that the establishment of an independent Palestinian state can never come about under the present circumstances without recognising Israel. "I would say to those who demand a liberation of Palestine from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean, that they represent our people's conscience and strategy; but we will suffice ourselves for now with a Palestinian state given us under the U.N. partition resolution, even with just setting up a state in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem," Serhan points out. Let us take a lesson for Saladdin who fought the Crusaders, says the writer, and let us accept what is possible at the present. Should we refuse this form of state, he says, we are bound to regret our action as we did when we refused the 1947 partition resolution. Therefore the writer concludes let us be realistic and benefit from the intifada in the occupied Arab lands to set up our independent state.

They kill prisoners too

Editor's Note: The Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC) in Jerusalem has been publishing an "uprising update," which aims to clarify the existing human rights situation as it develops in the occupied territories, as the uprising entered its minth month. The information bulletin is distributed in cooperation with the Databse Project on Palestinian Human Rights, whose international office is in Chicago. These updates are being published in the Jordan Tiems as they are received. Included in these information bulletins are lists of those killed during the uprising, as confirmed by the International Committee of the Red Cross, lists of detainees, and updated human rights reports as they develop. While some sources and background material is publicly available, most of the information comes from frist hand reports, fieldworker visits to hospitals, refugee camps, towns and villages, and from working relationships between the PHRIC and other institutions in the occupied territories. The material is collected and verified in Jerusalem and sent to Chicago, where the updates are produced and distributed interna-

DEATHS IN PRISON: Five people died in prison between Aug. 11 and 21. Two were shot in Ansar 3; the Israelis claimed two more as suicides; and the question of custody in the fifth case is

Reports on the Aug. 16 Ansar

killings have remained confused. Asad Jabri Shawwa, 25, from Sheja'iya and Ibrahim a-Sumoudi, 27, from Yamoun were shot, at least one of them at very close range. Attorneys were prohibited from visiting the camp Aug. 17 and have had visits and conversations strictly supervised and censored since. Soldiers who spoke informally with attorneys Aug. 17 said that the deaths occurred in Section B, which contains both Gaza and West Bank prisoners, and that the person who shot at least one of the two men was standing very close to David Tsemach, the commander of the prison. They said that the prisoners did not attack the soldiers but at the end of the ICRC visit had begun shouting about the deaths in Or Yehuda and about conditions in Ansar. Within five minutes two men had been killed and another seriously wounded and many were overcome with tear gas. The soldiers said that a-Sumoudi had been killed by tear gas but according to

his family he was shot. According to other reports conflict erupted over the question of the prisoners working on the camp. Tsemach, with another two officers, Ratz and Elon, plus 15 soldiers, opened fire on the prisoners. According to this source 19 were injured; 26 suffered burns from tear gas; and 630 were affected by tear gas.

Prisoners in Section B were on hunger strike Aug. 16 and 17; prisoners in another section have been on intermittent hunger strike since the beginning of August in support of their refusal to build the winter prison and in protest against general conditions in the prison. According to the soldiers, prisoners in Section B were also refusing to come out of their tents either for the counts or

for other purposes. This is not the first time that Tsemach is personally accused of brutality against prisoners. On July 28, for example, Tsemach, of soldiers, raided Section D; the soldiers threw tear gas cannisters

tally beat three prisoners who were then placed in solitary confinement for four days. The screams and moans of these men were heard all over the prison for the next three days.

The killings occurred two days after the High Court decided that judges should visit the prison to investigate complaints about conditions. No date had been set for the visit. The Lawyers Committee for Human Rights was scheduled to visit on Aug. 17; they were unable to get in.

The family of Nidal Jamil Mustafa Bedah, 20, from Beit Hanina, heard of his Aug. 16 death in Moscobiya on the radio. The Israelis claimed he had committed suicide in prison, hanging himself with a sheet. According to his wife the radio announcer mispronounced the name; she was convinced it was not her husband. Bedah had been arrested less than a week before. at 11:30 p.m. Aug. 9 police and borderguards came to the house in the course of arresting 20-30 young men from the neighbourhood. They asked if there were any men in the house. None of the men was home. The police then left a paper summoning Bedah and his father to the Moscobiya the next morning; they said it concerned the insurance on the car. The two reported to Captain Eddie at 9:00 the next morning. The father was questioned for several hours and released. Bedah was detained. Two days later the detention was extended. When the family protested to their attorney, Mohammad Abu Ghosh, he replied, "Why are you worried. This isn't an 'Arab country. They won't kill him." The family does not believe Bedah killed himself; according to them he had no reason to. The day before his death he had asked for

Aug. 17. The death of Atta Yusef Ahmad Mohammad Iyad, 21, from Kalandya, Aug. 11 in Dhahariya prison, was also announced as suicide. Prisoners accompanied by a large number released from Dhahariya say that Iyad had been under interrogation for over 50 days. Early in the and beat prisoners. According to interrogation he had become par-

clean clothes and cigarettes.

when the family received the body Bedah's teeth were missing

and his head had been severely

disfigured from beating. Demon-

strations erupted at the funeral

head injury; he was unable to stand or speak. He was also injected with an unknown substance. Fellow prisoners who demanded medical treatment for him were transferred from Dhahariya. The ICRC was also not permitted to see him. Iyad spent long periods in solitary confinement. The day he died he was taken to interrogation and beaten by two Shin Bet agents and soldiers; they then left the room, throwing tear gas into it. Prisoners in nearby rooms were overcome by the tear gas. After a time the soldiers and Shin Bet returned. They took Iyad outside, bound him hand and foot and continued beating him. About eight soldiers were involved. They then put him in solitary, still bound, and threw more tear gas in. Two hours later he was dead. The body was returned to the family the night of Aug. 14; according to his family his head was so disfigured from beating they did not know where to kiss him. During the symbolic funeral the next day tear gas was thrown into the martyr's house. Kalandya was under curfew until Aug.

Columbus, Ohio, was trying to release his grandson from soldiers in Beitin July 31, when he had a heart attack and died. Ala'addin Al Aghbar, 18, from Nablus, was shot in the stomatch Aug. 2 and died, in demonstrations protesting the Aug. 1 expulsion of eight

Palestinians. Two others were injured by bullets in that demonstration. Nidal Abdul Karim "Iyad spent long periods in solitary confinement. The day he died he was taken to interrogation and beaten by two Shin Bet agents and soldiers; they then left the room, throwing tear gas into it. Prisoners in nearby rooms were overcome by the tear gas. After a time the soldiers and Shin Bet returned. They took Iyad outside, bound him hand and foot and continued beating

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Maysara Ahmad Mattar, 25, from Sheikh Radwan, had not returned from his work in Tel Aviv between Aug. 12 and 19. The family was summoned to the military governor Aug. 19 and 'told to go to Jaffa to put up bail for him. When they went there soldiers told them he was not there but in Abu Kbir; that he was not arrested but dead. Abu Kbir refused to release the body to the family. They went back to Gaza, where the military gov-ernor told them they would reernor told them they would re-ceive the body after the beginning Daraghmeh, 17, from Toubas, of the nightly curfew. They received the body Aug. 21.

later he was dead."

OTHER DEATHS: Hanni Adel a-Turk, 37, from Gaza City, was shot July 25 in the shoulder, stomach and leg; he died July 28 in Ahli hospital. Abdul Fattah Yusuf Alayan, 24, from Deir Abu buried at 8:00 p.m. with a huge demonstration. Ribhi Barakat Ka'ed, 67, an American citizen of attorney's reports, Tsemach bru-tially paralysed as a result of a Palestinian origin visiting from hospital. Rajah Mohammad

during a demonstration Aug. 6 and died in the hospital. Jalal Isma'il Abu Khadijeh, 24. from Ramallah, died Aug. 4 as the result of an explosion in his home Aug. 3. Hussein Abdul Rahim Asway, 14, from Kalkilya was shot in the head in a demonstration and died Aug. 9. There were demonstrations when the city found out about his death. A 30-year-old was arrested and charged with planning Asway's was shot in the chest and killed at 11:30 p.m. Aug. 10. Jamal Odeh, 19. from Tulkarm, was killed instantly by a bullet in his head Aug. 15. The body of Ibrahim Sa'afi 'Awadi was found stabbed in a well Aug. 17; his family believes settlers are responsible. During the demonstrations in Daif (Jenin), was shot in the head Jenin following Ibrahim July 20 and died July 28. He was Sumoudi's funeral Aug. 18, 9-Jenin following Ibrahim year-old Rasha' Mazin Arkawi was shot in the head as she stood on her porch. She died in Jenin

Abdul Jalil Bouzieh, 16, from.

Kufl Hareth, was shot in the head

of pregnancy alone, where the relationship between the tear gas and the miscarriage is clearer. He refuses to speculate about the number of first trimester miscarriages caused by the gas. Husan village was under curfew from July 28 to Aug. 10; tear gas was used repeatedly and intensively. Three sisters temporarily staying in their parents' home, Fahima Mohammad Ahmad Zaoul, 30, four months pregnant; Adiyah Mohammad Ahmad Zaoul, 25, four months pregnant; and Su'ad Mohammad Ahmad Zaoul, 20, nine months pregnant, all lost their babies from the gas. A 20-year-old woman from Kalkilya, six months pregnant, who miscarried from tear gas thrown into her home, remained in Ittihad hospital in Nablus Aug. 1. In Silat Al Harthieh Aug. 10 a woman eight months pregnant

Hamdan Sawafta, 17, from

Toubas, was killed by bullets in

SERIOUS INJURIES: Intrauter-

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three workers in Or Yehuda there have been a number of

beating attacks on Palestinian workers in Israel. Their Jewish employers are also beaten when they try to defend them. Four Hassids (ultra-orthodox Jews) poured a bucket of concentrated soap over the head of a 24-yearold man from Hares (Tulkarin) in Netanya Aug. 4, blinding him for several hours. About 50 more Plassids participated in beating him after the soap had been poured. Netanya hospital refused to treat him, claiming that there was no eye doctor. He was taken to Mair hospital in Kfar Saba and then to an eye doctor in Nablus. It is impossible to know how many people are being brutally beaten. Three young people from

Jabalya, 7, 11, and 15, arrested July 29, were found near the fence of Ansar 2 detention centre Aug. 2 severely beaten. They were treated at the UNRWA clinic and then taken back to the camp. Among eight people beaten in Gaza City Aug. 3 were two 5-year-old boys. Two mentally retarded people, 12 and 21 years old, were among those beaten and left in the street in Jabalya Aug. 7. Injuries in Gaza City from beating Aug. 9 include people 12-70 years old; one is a 50-year-old woman. Many people, including young and old people, are beaten in their homes under curfew. As with tear gas carriages is more than usually miscarriages, the curfews make that information extremely diffi-

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Terrorists

TWO Israeli members of a Jewish terrorist organisation Minister Yitzhak Shamir masterminded the assassination of Folke Bernadotte, the appointed U.N. Middle East mediator for the Palestine problem in 1948.

I need perhaps not emphasise, in this connection, that the assassination of Bernadotte was not the first nor the last crime committed by Shamir and his gang against innocent Palestinians and British. There is on record a long list of criminal acts committed by Shamir, that he was sentenced to death after a fair trial by a British court.

It is no secret that the two notorious terrorist organisations headed by Shamir and his predecessor, Menachem Begin, were founded solely and wholly to eliminate any body who did not blindly support the creation of a Jewish state on lands belonging to the Palestinian Arabs. Bernadotte as a matter of fact supported the Israeli state, and lost his life simply because he recommended some modifications to the frontiers and also recommended the return of

the refugees who fled their homes because of Jewish terrorism. Notwithstanding his past criminal record, Shamir receives red carpet treatment when he visits Washington, whilst this same Washington refuses to talk to the PLO which represents the victims of Shamir and his clique, although the PLO is now earnestly seeking a peaceful and just solution to the 70 year old Palestine problem. How does the U.S. government expect to achieve peace in the Middle East, when she does not talk to one of its principal

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'There is only one option for Israel' parties; in response on its part to

The following are excerpts from an address made by senate speaker Ahmad Lawri to the conference of the International Parliamentarian Union that was held in Sofia, Bulgaria Sept.

one of the most important hotbeds of tension that has been threatening peace and stability in the Middle East and world peace over many decades, because in fact it is the crux of the conflict in our region which is vital to world peace and prosperity. It is the tragedy of the Palestinian Arab people and the occupation by Israel of its homeland where it has been living for thousands of years. This occupation took place twenty one years ago. Israel continues its aggression and settlement policy, expels that people, confiscates its properties, destroys its houses and denies its

Israel — as you are aware — refuses United Nations resolutions and other peace initiatives and proceeds with its racist policy totally indifferent to human rights, the U.N. Charter and the Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilians During War and Under Occupation.

The Palestinian people — in the light of the fruitlessness of the international efforts for lifting oppression — could not find a way for its salvation other than waging its uprising which went into its tenth month and to declare its rebellion against the Israeli occupation and the colonisation of its homeland.

The whole world hears and sees in pain and astonishment and disapproves the tragedies of killing, terrorism, displacement and collective penalties by which Israel encounters the stonethrowing children, women, oldaged persons and unarmed civilians in the occupied Arab terri-

Israel continues its disregard of and indifference to international resolutions when it announces

THE QUESTION of Palestine is that Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are parts of the land of Israel, and that the only solution to the question of Palestine — in its pretence — lies in the Jordanian option and that Jordan is Palestine and consequently it is the alternative homeland for the people of Palestine.

The facts of history, geography and international justice expose the Zionist plan because they regard Jordan is Jordan and Palestine is Palestine.

Jordan - while continuously warning against and condemning the Israeli conspircy on Palestine and its people; stemming from its firm belief in justice and peace and its continuous care to carry on with its role in the establishment of a just peace for the question of Palestine along with all the Arab and international

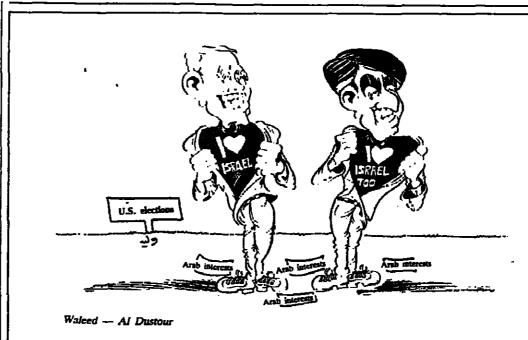
beration Organisation (PLO), the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people; and in deference to the Arab and international trend to support the right of the Palestinian people in its homeland and its self-determination on its soil; Jordan decided to mismantle its legal and administrative links with the occupied West Bank so that the Israeli reality will be exposed as an imperialist country in the face of the Palestinian people and the legitimate representative thereof, the PLO.

the request of the Palestine Li-

Today Israel has one option in front of it, that is the option of the Palestinian people and to deal with it and with its organisation in order to achieve a comprehensive and just solution to the question of Palestine within the framework of an international conference in which shall participate the parties to the conflict and the five permanent members of the U.N. Secur-

The other serious issue to which the world is addressing its attention and care is Iran-Iraq War. Now after eight years of the insistence by Iran to wage this destructive war and its continuation against Iraq, after procrastination that continued for more than a year, Iran responded to U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 and agreed to stop the

I call on our conference to ask Iran to give in to the international will and to responsibly and sincerely obligate itself to solve its conflict with Iraq and to accept a comprehensive, just and peaceful settlement by virtue of which it recognises Iraq's full right to Shatt Al Arab, to respect the freedom of navigation in the Gulf, to accept to live in peace within the framework of good neighbourhood, and the non-interference in the internal affairs of each of the two countries and the other Arab Gulf States.



LETTERS

Muslim Umma's common markets

DURING my last visit to Saudi Arabia for Haj this year I came across an article "Towards Greater Maghreb" in Arab News, Jeddah, dated June 12, 1988, and was much interested if this idea may be further expanded to include the rest of the Muslim countries also. In view of this I suggest that a proposal may be put up in the next meeting of the Organisation of the Islamic countries for the establishment of five regional economic committees as below. These will help closer ties, better cooperation and coordination, development and progress, like the European Economic Committee.

Sub organisation of the northern Muslim countries, to include, Albania, Cyprus, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan (when liberated) and

Sub organisation of the eastern Muslim countries to include, Maldives, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Dar-Ul-

Salam and Moro (Provisional). Sub organisation of the central Muslim countries to include, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, U.A.E., Oman, North Yemen, South Yemen and Palestine (Provisional).

Sub organisation of the western Muslim countries to include, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Upper Volta, Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Polisario (if decided to be independent). Sub organisation of the southern Muslim countries include, Nigeria, Chad. Sudan. Eritrea (Provinsional). Djibouti, Somalia,

Cameroons, Uganda and the Comores,

M. Abbas Akhtar Lahore,

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Millions of locusts darken sky over Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Millions of red and grey locusts darkened the sky over Khartoum for 90 minutes Monday morning, some landing on cultivated fields along the Nile to devour the crops. Huge swarms of the insects began arriving about 7.30 a.m. (0430GMT) and left at about 9 a.m. (0600GMT). The sun was completely covered for almost half an hour of the 14: hour period. Officials had no immediate estimate of the size of the swarm, which came in from the east and moved in a westerly direction, or the amount of damage it left behind. Torrential rains caused disastrous flooding in Khartoum last month, and experts said the greening of normally barrenfdesert areas created perfect breeding grounds for locusts. Earlier this month, Agriculture Minister Al Fatih Al Tigani said Sudan's locust threat had entered "a critical stage." He said that the government had destroyed half of about 60 potential swarms in the country but that Sudan lacked sufficient insecticides or equipment to spray all agricultural lands

Egypt concerned about helicopter theft

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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - The foreign ministry on Monday summoned the Cypriot ambassador and relayed Egypt's concern about the disappearance from Larnaca airport of a helicopter whose ownership is disputed between a West German and an Egyptian company. Yehya Rifaat, an assistant to Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, told Ambassador Alecos Shambos of "Egypt's concern about the theft of the plane." The ambassador assured Rifaar that an investigation was under way and that Cyprus would do all it can to ensure rights of the Egyptian company are protected, ministry sources said, On Sept. 18, Cypriot police charged a West German pilot. Hans Wolfgang Zagel, with stealing the helicopter from the airport on the eastern joast of Cyprus. Police sources said they believed Zagel flew the ircraft to northern Cyprus. The helicopter had been impounded y court order after its arrival at Larnaca from Egypt in January 1987, pending settlement of a dispute between a West German and an Egyptian company over its ownership.

Pipeline leak threatens Abu Dhabi

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Corrosion has holed an oil pipeline off the United Arab Emirates and forced the complete suspension of a 15,000-barrel per day production from an offshore oil field, oil industry executives reported Monday. The sources, who could only be identified as Japanese, said production at the central Mubarraz oil field, 25 kilometres west of Abu Dhabi, was suspended on Aug. 23, when the first of six holes was discovered. The oil field is operated by Abu Dhabi Oil Company-Japan, ADOC, a joint venture between the state's national oil company and the Japan Oil Development Co. The sources said ADOC clamped a state of emergency and was trying to combat pollution from the first hole, some 15 kilometres of Mubarraz island. That crack alone has already leaked an estimated 15,000 barrels.

Hart in Syria for U.S. hostage talks

DAMASCUS (R) — Former U.S. Democratic presidential hopeful Gary Hart arrived in Syria Monday for a three-day visit centred on efforts to free American hostages in Lebanon. He told Reuters he would also discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq peace talks. "I am here to learn as much as I can on all these issues. I visited some countries in the region and did not have a chance to visit Syria. This is my first visit," he said. Syria is the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where ten Americans are among people missing and believed kidnapped. "As you know, the hostage issue concerns all Americans. It concerns the government a great deal. We hope the hostages will be able to return safely home some way," Hart said. He said he wanted to learn the Syrian view on the crisis in Lebanon after parliament's failure to elect a new president there left the war-torn country with two rival governments. Asked if was acting in any way for the Reagan administration Hart said: "No. President Reagan will never give me an assignment."

Iranians execute Iragi

NICOSIA (R) - Iran Monday executed an Iraqi they say they found guilty of spying for Iraq and of planting bombs, the Iranian News Agency (IRNA) said, IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, said Qotbeddin Faramarzi was executed early Monday in the west Iranian city of Bakhtaran (formerly Kermanshah). Executions are usually by firing squad in Iran. The agency said the man was found guilty at a court martial of spying and planting bombs in Bakhtaran and in the capital, Tehran. Iran and Iraq are now involved in peace negotiations after fighting an eight-year-long war until a United Nations-negotiated ceasefire came into operation on August 20.

Shamir reports on polic outbreak

TEL AVIV (R) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir reported to the Israeli cabinet Sunday on an outbreak of polio that has afflicted 12 people but health officials rejected calls to vaccinate the entire population. Eight Israelis had been admitted to hospital with polio in the last few weeks and four others were found to be carrying the virus. No one has died yet, said a health official. He said the outbreak was limited and the health ministry had no intention of broadening the vaccination programme throughout

'Germany thanks Iran for helping free hostage'

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - West Germany has thanked Iran for helping secure the release of its last citizen held hostage in Lebanon and urged Tehran to use its influence on Lebanese extremists to free other foreign captives. The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, reported Sunday that parliament speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani received two messages from West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his foreign minister. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, expressing appreciation for efforts Iran exerted to free business executive Rudolf Cordes Sept. 12. IRNA said Kohl and Genscher "expressed hope that more hostages now in Lebanon would be released through Iran's mediation." It quoted Genscher as saying West Germany was willing to "expand" bilateral relations with Iran, but gave no

Polisario names new 'foreign minister'

TUNIS (R) — The Polisario Front, fighting Morocco over the Western Sahara, said Monday it had appointed a new foreign minister of the self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR). He is Mohammad Sidati, former counsellor to the SADR prime minister and secretary-general of the presidency, who takes over the foreign affairs portfolio in the second reshuffle of the SADR leadership since August 16. In the last reshuffle the number of ministers was reduced from 13 to eight after the United Nations handed a peace plan to Morocco and Polisario which accepted it with unspecified reservations on August 30.

Ozal staying despite referendum defeat

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime the worst conditions for us." Minister Turgut Ozal said Mon- Nearly two-thirds of these votpower despite defeat in a constitutional referendup.

Ozal, who last week said he might quit politics if he did not win enough "yes" votes in the plebiscite, indicated firmly that he would not step down.

"We will be in power for four more years. The result is quite satisfactory for us," the pro-Western conservative said on

state television. Against Anap (the Motherland Party) none of the other parties has been able to become

an alternative to us, not even in

would have brought forward local elections to November from next March. The provisional figure of 35.1

per cent voting "yes" to change compared with the 36.3 per cent vote from the 26.6 million electorate which gave Ozal victory in last November's general election.

"The support given to Ozal is not sufficient. He is a man who can't be trusted ... The nation said "No" but he insisted on staying," Erdal Inonu, head of the opposi-

tion Social Democrat Populist

Party, told reporters after the

Ozal's Motherland Party has said. day his ruling Motherland Party ing in Sunday's referendum 292 seats in the 450-seat parliaopposed the amendment that ment.

> Opposition parties portrayed the referendum as a confidence vote in Ozal, whose free-wheeling economic policies have pushed up inflation to 78 per

> "What was rejected by the nation is the government... (and) Prime Minister Ozal himself. said Suleyman Demirel, a fourtime premier who heads the cen-

dent," Hoss told reporters, in the

first indication since Thursday

that there may still be hope for

reunifying government institu-

ican envoy was due in Damascus

for talks on the government tug-

of-war in Beirut. Syria and the United States

agreed earlier this month to sup-

port Parliamentarian Mikhael

Daher as a consensus candidate

Pro-Syrian political sources said Hoss and his cabinet were

trying to convene a meeting of

former presidents, prime minis-

for president.

Radio stations said an Amer-

tre-right True Path Party (TPP). "If you look for a winner in this (referendum), it is the nation itself. There are new conditions

shown their preference for stability," Oktay Eksi, a political columnist with the mass-circulation in Turkey now. No one can claim daily Hurriyet, said on television. Taha Akyol, of the conserva-

tive daily Tercuman, said: "The political picture seems to be strongly settled. Despite the inflation problem, stabilisation in Motherland votes shows its foundations are settled."

that nothing has happened," he

Motherland officials said O2-

week had boosted the "yes" vote,

which public opinion polls two

weeks ago showed was running at

Ozal has promoted wider democracy within NATO-mem-

ber Turkey and closer ties with

the West since taking office in

1983 after three years of army

rule crushed extremist political

"(Referendum) voters have

around 26 per cent.

Ozal is viewed widely as the only person who can cement factions in the broad-based Motherland Party, embracing politicians from the religious right to Western-style liberals.

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Iraqis ponder diverting **Shatt Al Arab waterway**

The Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq — With peace talks stalled over the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway, Iraqi leaders are seriously considering diverting it through a man-made river to another waterway to restore access to the Gulf blocked by eight years of war with Iran.

The official Iraqi News Agency said President Saddam Hussein met with his top military aides several days ago to discuss "studies on diverting the Shatt Al Arab.

It is Iraq's only deep-water outlet to the Gulf and has been closed since the Gulf war erupted in September 1980.

The waterway, formed by the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, is the southern boundary between the two Gulf

Iraqi leaders have been talking about diverting the 200-kilometre Shatt Al Arab since United Nations-sponsored peace talks deadlocked over the legal status of the waterway and Iraq's right of navigation.

Iraq is demanding that the waterway be cleared of sunken ships, mines and silt and reopened for shipping to implement the U.N.-sponsored ceasefire agreement that took effect

Baghdad abrogated a 1975 treaty with Iran to share naviga-1980. Iran insists the agreement is must have been studying," the

still valid and says it will not diplomat said, speakig on condibudget until Baghdad accepts

Long-term solution

Iraqi officials insist that the diversion scheme is not just a means of pressuring Tehran to accept a new agreement that recognises "Iraq's full and historic sovereignty" of the waterway, but "a serious effort to solve a

long-standing problem."
Clearing the Shatt Al Arab, which means river of the Arabs, could take up to five years during which Iraq would remain land-

The scheme being considered involves digging a canal from the small port of Ma'qal on the Shatt Al Arab, a few kilometres north of Basra, southwest to the Khor Abdullah waterway in the northern end of the Gulf.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sadoun Hamadi, a member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, has indicated that another option to reopen Iraq's access to the Gulf would be to dig a canal parallel to th' Shatt Al Arab and take the water from it. Either move would be fraught with political and military dan-

the basis of the peace talks. "Wherever the canal is, the Shatt would be unnavigable," a Western diplomat said in Baghdad.

gers and would dramatically alter

The diversion idea "is a bold tion just before the war broke in move which Iranian leader also of the war.

tion of anonymity.

Iran's powerful parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, last week said the dispute over Shatt Al Arab, which the Iranians call the Arvand River, could reignite the war.

He dismissed Iraqi threats to divert the waterway as "ridicu-lous" and stressed: "The quicker the river is cleared the greater benefit for both Iran and Iraq."

Feasible, practical

The former head of Iraq's ports authority in Basra, who asked that he was not named, told the Associated Press that the diversion scheme" is not only feasible. but practical from both a hydrological and topographical point of

"If we compare it with similar projects, like the Suez and Panama canals, the area under study is smoother and even forms a natural riverbed," said the former official, who is currently a lecturer at Basra University's engineering faculty.
"The Iranians... should take

this matter very seriously," Hamadi said in a British Broadcasting Corp. interview last Thursday.

Iran has two commercial ports, Khorramshahr and Abadan, and a naval base at Khosrowabad on the Shatt Al Arab that have all been closed since the early days

While the Iraqis only have ab-

IRAQ out 16 kilometres of coastline

between the Shatt Al Arab's estuary and the Kuwaiti border to the west. Iran has 2,300 kilometres of coastline running all the way down the Gulf to the Arabian International companies are

waiting to start dredging the Shatt Al Arab and the Khor Abdullah waterway, which has been block-aded by the Iranians.

Seventy-five ships have been stranded in the palm-fringed Shatt Al Arab since the start of the war. Several wrecks block the waterway, which is also littered with mines and unexploded shells and missiles.

Another 18 Vessels are stranded in the Khor Abdullah, but these could be cleared more easily since sovereignty of that

Dinka tribesmen bear brunt of Sudan's war and famine

By Hamza Hendawi Reuter

AL MUGLAD, Sudan — The Dinkas, tall, proud and war-loving tribesmen who once lorded it over southern Sudan, have suffered heavily under the twin ravages of war and famine.

The authorities regard them as possible collaborators with rebels. Arab militias — armed by the government for the declared purpose of self-defence against the rebel Sudan People's Libera- typhoid and dysentery. tion Army (SPLA) - have stolen their cattle, burned their villages

Rival tribes in the south have been only too happy to watch the disintegration of the Dinkas, according to foreign relief offi-

Even rebels of the SPLA, mainly Dinkas themselves, have not spared fellow-tribesmen. Human rights activists in Sudan and abroad say the rebels have forced some civilians to do hard labour for them and have killed others for refusing to join the SPLA. SPLA attacks on Arab herds-

men venturing into the northern fringes of the south with their cattle have triggered reprisals for which the Dinkas have paid in blood.

The Dinkas, Sudan's largest single ethnic group, comprised three to five million of the estimated six million people living in the south before the guerrilla war's destruction of the agricultural cycle created famine condi-

No one knows how many are left. Some reports say half the south's population tried to flee to other parts of Sudan or to Ethiopia in search of food and security.

About 3,500 southern refugees, mainly Dinkas, have reached a camp at the remote town of Al Muglad in South Kordofan Province. Most of them are suffering from severe malnutrition and diseases including malaria, measles, diarrhoea,

More than 200 have died since July and the camp's relief workers fear that up to half of the rest could be wiped out in heavy rains and cold weather this month.

In a camp at the town of Al Meiham further south, almost 3,500 people, mostly Dinkas, have starved to death since June and the outlook is bleak for up to 30,000 more refugees there. Almost none of the people in

the Al Muglad camp had shoes and only a few wore sufficient clothes. They made gestures indicating their hunger and need for clothing to a group of visiting "They feel they lost a lot of

their dignity when they lost their clothes," said one of three nurses from the Irish charity concern which runs the camp, 470 miles southwest of Khartoum.

But refugees said they lost their dignity, long before they began

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to hungry and unruly rebels or to raiding militias. Dinka life revolves around cat-

Dinkas have very little to live for," said one relief worker in South Kordofan. Young Dinkas sing of their valour in terms of favourite bulls

and of their future wives in terms of cows. Cattle are the symbol of wealth and the means to pay a Meriam camps at night to fend off 1983, educated Dinkas d

ated jobs in the then-autonomous south and were jealously regarded by smaller tribes as the rich men of the region. United Nations and relief offi-

cials in Khartoum blame the Dinka ordeal mainly on the SPLA, citing frequent rebel ambushes of relief convoys and a standing threat to shoot down planes flying over the south without rebel permission.

Waiting for Garang

A relief operation by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to feed one million southern famine victims has been stalled for more than a month because SPLA leader John Garang, a Dinka, is unavailable to give the go-ahead. The Dinkas who managed to

reach Al Muglad or Al Meiram are now unwanted guests in the land of the Al Mesiriah tribe. The two tribes traditionally

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the punishing trek to northern fought over grazing lands, but Sudan, when they lost their cattle their animosity is now further fuelled by religious differences. The Mesiriahs, like the majority of northern Sudanese, are Mustle. "Take the cows away and the lims whereas the Dinkas are animists or Christians.

The SPLA launched its war with the declared aim of freeing the south of what it regards the domination of Arabs from the Muslim north.

sons guard the Al Muglad and Al possible Mesiriah attacks, but re-Before the guerrilla war began lief workers said the camp at Al ilad was talded in both Juli and September. Relief workers said English-

Soldiers from local army garri-

speaking Dinkas were desperately needed in the camps to translate for nurses and doctors, but security authorities were suspicious of Dinkas with qualifica-"We don't have a single edu-

cated Dinka in the camps. Those with any education are either in Khartoum or have joined the SPLA," one relief worker said. The Mesiriahs regarded the

Dinka camps as a health hazard and instantly blamed any sickness among them on the presence of the Dinka refugees, relief workers said. "Don't run away with the idea

that the Dinkas are angels," one relief worker said. "It just so happens now that the balance of power is heavily in favour of the Arabs. "After all, the Dinkas here are

starving while the mesiriahs have Kalashnikov rifles.

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Lebanese go back to work amid standoff

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politicans denounced it and pledged to support Gemayel's last incumbent government, led by acting Prime Minister Salim

Shops, banks and other

businesses opened Monday after

being closed since Thursday.

Government employees returned to conflicting orders from both cabinets demanding their loyalty. Most civilians grabbed food and hid at home over the weekend because of fears that the absence of a president and deadlock between the rival adminis-

trations would ignite fresh vio-Apun summoned Arab diplomats to meetings Monday, seeking recognition of his govern-ment, after Syria rejected his rule as illegal, renewing backing of the

Hoss cabinet. An aide said Aoun asked the diplomats to "inform your governments that the cabinet appointed by President Amin Gemayel before his term ended is the legitimate executive body in Lebanon.

The source, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity. quoted Aoun as saying his government's aim was to "speed up the election of a new president."

The first to meet with Aoun in east Beirut Monday were the Iraqi charge d'affaires, Sabbar Al Hadithi, and the head of the Egyptian interest section, Hassan Shash. They are Cairo's and Baghdad's most senior representatives in Beirut.

"We expressed to Gen. Aoun our hope that the Lebanese would agree on the election of a new president to unite the country and avert the evil of partition." Shash added.

to either side.

Hadithi said Baghdad was for "the election of a new president and supports Lebanon's unity.' Hoss and Aoun each had a series of meetings at the weekend with envoys of the five member states of the United Nations Security Council as they struggled for recognition. None of the diplomats or their governments made any commitments publicly

On Monday, Hoss said in west Beirut that it "is not a gov-ernmental issue. The problem is the fact that parliament hasn't met to elect a new president." "The problem ends as soon as ters and other top officials to rally

parliament meets to elect a presi- opposition to Aoun.

lsraelis kill three

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two groups standing on opposing hills. Police fired tear-gas and then live ammunition, the photographer said. Minutes later, Palestinians carried Mattar. bleeding from the head, to a car

and sped off. Thousands of Palestinians attended Mattar's funeral, chanting slogans and waving Palestinian flags. Police fired tear-gas at the demonstrators, the photographer said.

Mattar's death brought to 283 the number of Palestinians killed since the Dec. 8 start of the

Widespread clashes erupted throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and at least 68 Palestinians were wounded, hospital officials said.

Among the wounded was an 11-year-old deaf-mute boy from Gaza City who was in serious condition with a bullet wound in

the chest, the officials said.

The worst clashes erupted in Gaza City where troops opened fire on stone-throwing Palesti-

nians, hospital officials said. The one-day strike, the fourth this month, was ordered by the United National Leadership of the Uprising and the Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas.

Streets were deserted in towns, villages and refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza. Shops were shuttered, transportation came to halt and Palestinians stayed home from their jobs.

In Bethlehem, about 20 white bedsheets sprayed with red swastikas fluttered from electricity poles near the Church of the Nativity.

Dozens of soldiers patrolled the deserted cobblestone alleys of Bethlehem and troops searched cars with blue West Bank licence plates at two checkpoints along the main highway leading to Jerusalem, seven kilometres to the

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7 statement underpins dollar; Officials stress farming sector role **gold tumbles to 21-month low**

LONDON (R) — The dollar firmed Monday after major industrialised nations reaffirmed their commitment to stable exchange rates, while gold fell to a 21-month low as market concern about inflation eased, dealers said.

bankers of the Group of Seven (G-7) nations meeting in West that had been contained in their Berlin during the annual Interna- last three communiques. tional Monetary Fund/World Bank gathering said Saturday not want a further dollar fall—that inflation was under control was taken by speculators as a and they endorsed the present pattern of exchange rates.

Last month when speculators their summit in June. tested this commitment to stable currency rates by bidding up the dollar, central banks of the G-7 nations — Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany — had to spend billions of dollars to halt the U.S. currency's rise.

In an apparent attempt to head

Finance ministers and central their statement Saturday some key wording on currency policy

That wording - that they did was taken by speculators as a green light to buy dollars after it was repeated by G-7 leaders at

This time around, the policymakers simply emphasised their continued interest in stable exchange rates and backed that up with public statements at press briefings afterwards.

Monday morning the dollar's undertone was firm. At one point it touched 1.8855 Deutschemarks off another speculative assault on and 134.83 Japanese yen against

"The G-7 meeting has not really changed anything — the commitment to stability, intervention, all this was expected," said one dealer with a leading U.S. bank in London.

"The market was expecting exactly what came out of the meeting," said another London-based currency trader. But some dealers saw the mar-

ket testing the central banks' will to curb the strength of the dollar. "Following the G-7 meeting central banks will find it harder to stop the dollar rising on good news," said David Cocker, senior corporate advisor at Chemical

Bank, London. The 1.8850 mark level is considered by many dealers as a likely trigger point for central bank

"If we were to break through 1.8850 then we would be looking at 1.92," said Nick Murphy, cur-

Zoete Wedd in London.

The dollar's strength gave another knock to gold which has tumbled \$40 an ounce this month as concern about inflation waned on the world's financial markets.

Higher interest rates and ample supplies of gold have also been factors in the decline of bullion which was quoted as low as \$387.35 an ounce in Europe Monday morning.

The metal's morning fixing in London was \$389.05 an ounce its lowest setting since December 1986. It was fixed Friday afternoon at \$400.35.

Falling oil prices have been another key factor pushing down the gold price as they point to lower inflation.

Oil remained weak Monday with traders awaiting the outcome of a Madrid meeting of key OPEC ministers, membes of the group's price monitoring com-mittee.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Industry and out that his ministry's specialised Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa has said that investments in any field would contribute to developing the national income and would lead to raising the standard of living for individuals and achieve economic independence and financial strength.

Speaking at a seminar held Saturday at the Professional Associations' Complex, Tabbaa discussed the government's recent economic measures and their implications for the agricultural sector in the country.

The minister said that the government has carried out its duty in this field and urged businessmen to take the initiative to participate in the development

He said that serious studies and careful planning and organisation were the most important elements for the success and productivity of investments. He pointed

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at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

Subject of the seminar was

centred around the ADS

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with it's different function's

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Candidate should:

Amman.

departments were always ready to help investors and to provide them with needed assistance.

The minister called on businessmen to benefit from the latest technologies in farming and industries towards the increase in productivity and improvement of quality.

Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud, also speaking at the seminar, said that the recent economic measures, which aim at supporting and reactivating investments were not only technical, but also comprised of productive economic steps.

He said the government was looking forward to a bigger role by food and farming industries and that success in this field would achieve more independence for the farming sector.

Agricultural engineer Mohammad Abdul Aziz delivered a speech at the seminar in which he said that the farming sector was a

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation left Amman Monday for Athens to take part in talks with Greek officials on means to

overcome difficulties impeding the implementation of a Jordanian-Greek transit agreement signed in 1983. The two sides, which are grouped in a joint committee, will discuss the prospect of exempting Jordanian and Greek trucks entering either territory

from transit taxes and duties and allowing them to transport goods

from either country to a third nation without having to return to

ABU DHABI (R) - Oman's oil minister Monday urged the

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to

cooperate with non-member producers to stabilise oil prices. "It is

difficult for OPEC alone to tackle the situation," Said Ibn Ahmad

Al Shanfari told the United Arab Emirates (UAE) news agency

WAM. "OPEC has to cooperate with producers outside it to arrest

the current price decline." "We (independents) are waiting for a

Shanfari said. But he added there were no signs of another meeting

KUWAIT (R) - The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Develop-

ment is ready to help finance rebuilding Iraq after the destruction

of eight years of war with Iran, fund director Badr Mishari Al

Humaidhi said in remarks published Monday. He told Al Anbaa'

newspaper: "The Kuwaiti fund is ready to examine participation in

the reconstruction of what the war has destroyed in Iraq, within its

capacities and within the framework of coordination with other

AT. Austria holds seminar

signal from OPEC to cooperate and hold another joint meeting,"

Kuwaiti fund ready to help rebuild Iraq

Oman urges oil producers to cooperate

Jordanians, Greeks to hold talks

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns

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U.S. dollars

One ounce of gold 389.25/390.00

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The share market closed lower in dull trading as traders marked time ahead of Wednesday's release of August balance of payments data. The All Ordinaries Index fell 7.6 points

TOKYO - Share prices finished lower after see-sawing in limited activity amid uncertainty whether and for how long the market might close if the ailing emperor dies, brokers said. The Nikkei Index fell 59.17 points, 0.22 per cent, to 27,330.95.

HONG KONG - Market closed for mid-autumn festival holiday. SINGAPORE - Prices drifted lower due to lack of institutional interest and stop-loss selling. The Straits Times Industrial Index declined 10.61 to 1,023.10.

BOMBAY — Market closed for two-day accounting period. It will open again Wednesday.

FRANKFURT — Prices firmed slightly in quiet trade. Some dealers said the market was anchored by domestic institutional buying programmes. The Real-Time 30-share Dax index rose 4.45

ZURICH - Shares were higher in reaction to the firm dollar and Friday's Wall Street gains, but turnover was low. The All-Share-Swiss index rose 6.2 to 910.7.

PARIS - Prices were firm on general confidence generated by weekend group of seven statements. The 50-share bourse indicator rose by 1.29 per cent.

LONDON — Shares traded within a very tight range and ended narrowly mixed in sluggish trading. At 1446 GMT the FTSE 100

index was down 0.2 at 1,792.2. NEW YORK — Stocks showed little change in very quiet trade.

Dealers said there was no important news to move the market The Dow fluctuated narrowly around Friday's close at 2,09]

the dollar, the G-7 dropped from closes in London Friday of 1.8745 rency analyst at Barclays De Japanese unveil new programme to assist 'middle-income' debtors

WEST BERLIN (R) — Japan Sunday unveiled a new scheme to put its massive trade surplus to work in helping the debt-laden Third World.

Under the plan, the Export-Import Bank of Japan would extend loans together with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help middle-income debtors put their economies back on

"Japan is ready to make additional untied loans on a case-bycase basis to support mid-term efforts by middle-income nations to restructure their economies." Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita told the IMF's Interim Committee.

The move is the latest in a flurry of activity by monetary officials to find new ways to address the problem of the developing world's \$1,200 billion of

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does not require that the money be spent buying Japanese goods. Traditionally Japan has tied such loans to the purchase of equip-

ment made in Japan. The programme is aimed at so-called middle income states including big debtors like Brazil and Mexico.

The poorest debtors, in sub-Saharan Africa got a break on their debt burden under an accord the major industrial coun-

tries reached Saturday. The new Japanese plan differs from one proposed by Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa at the economic summit of major industrial nations in June, which received a lukewarm reception.

Under that scheme, the IMF was supposed to administer a trustee fund to be set up with foreign reserves transferred by debtor countries. The fund would be used to guarantee bonds that the debtors would swap for existing loans they owe to commercial bank creditors at a substantial

Sumita will present an outline and a substantial increase of imof the new plan at the IMF general assembly Tuesday. But Japanese officials said details still have to be worked out.

The export-import bank will make its loans when the IMF extends credits under its various facilities, including the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) set up in June to help debtor nations facing balance of payments difficulties.

Sumita unveiled the plan on behalf of Miyazawa who was unable to be here because of the illness of Emperor Hirohito. The amount of the money to be

lent by the export-import bank will be decided on a case-by-case basis, a Japanese official said. He said finance ministers from many nations at the IMF meeting welcomed Japan's new programme. Earlier Sunday, Sumita pledged a decline in Japan's huge

line with its position as the world's number two economic power. "Given firm domestic demand only to America's.

trade surplus and said Japan de-

served a bigger say in the IMF in

ports of manufactured goods, I expect a steady decline in Japan's current account surplus in the years ahead," he said. Japan has been criticised by the

United States and others for its huge surpluses, and urged to export less and buy more of other nation's goods to help balance the global economy.

Sumita's comments clashed with a prediction by the IMF itself Sunday of a rise next year in Japan's current account surplus to \$80.9 billion from \$78 billion

this year. Sumita also told the INF Interim Committee: "I strongly hope that Japan's quota share in the IMF will be in line with Japan's economic fundamentals now that its share in the World Bank is the second largest after the United States.'

Japan has a 4.7 per cent quota in the IMF, less than the stakes of the United States, Britain, West Germany and France. Its 6.7 per cent World Bank stake is second

IMF sees strong global growth

BERLIN (AP) - Production and incomes will grow faster this year in Japan, the United States and West European countries than was expected after last October's stock market crash, the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund (IMF) pre-

Outlook.

"The upward revision to the output projections has been particularly large in the case of Japan,

where (production) is now expected to grow by over 5.5 per cent in 1988," said the fund's semi-annual World Economic

A slowdown to 4.2 per cent is seen for 1989.

U.S. growth is expected to be four per cent, the highest rate since 1984. But a greater slow-down is predicted in 1989 to 2.8 per cent, a return to the 1987 figure which was the lowest since

the recession in 1982. A fund official said that growth rates this year are higher than the

long-term trend, due partly to the delayed effect of the drop in the price of the dollar and the price of

The cheaper dollar gave a boost to U.S. exports, which became cheaper and more saleable. Cheaper oil lowers production costs in many countries.

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Growth has also revived in West Germany and France,

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The RJCF press spokesman also thanked Prince Mohammad for supporting the RICF activities and indicated that these matches are designed to consolidate cooperation between teams of the two countries and exchange expertise.

Prince Mohammad then handed a cup to the winning Iraqi team and medals to members of the two teams. The Iraqi team beat the Jordanian team by 12-8

BY CHARLES GOREN

Q.1-Neither vulnerable, as South

A .- You have the right distribution

and right suits for a takeout double,

but you have too many wasted val-

ues in the opponents' suits. Pass.

and wait to see how the auction

Q.2-East-West vulnerable, as

♠AKQ72 ♥ K43 : Q762 **♠**9

Your right-hand opponent opens

the bidding with one club. What ac-

A.-Because you are not strong

enough to make a takeout double and then bid spades over any re-

sponse from partner, and because

you do not have an ideal shape for a

double, simply overcall one spade.

That action can be taken with a

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you

4 · Pattner's bidding shows two

things: at least five spades (other-

wise he would have responded one

diamond initially) and a better than

minimum response. A jump to three

spades nicely describes the strength

of your hand and the quality of your

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

Pass

Pass

three-card support.

What do you bid now?

~9 K83 ♣AQ10852

1 Pass

Pass

The bidding has proceeded:

Pass 1 🕈

What action do you take?

West North East

South you hold:

tion do you take?

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Baseball standings

NEW YORK (R) -- Results of major league baseball games played on Sunday:

American League

Boston Red Sox 1st-Detroit Tigers 2nd-Detroit Tigers
Milwaukee Brewers
Cleveland Indians Chicago White Sox
Seattle Mariners Minnesota Twins
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San Francisco Giants

Philadelphia Phillies

Pittsburgh Pirates

San Diego Padres

Cincinnati Reds

New York Mets

8	Texas Rangers
6	California Angels
ional	League
2	Los Angeles Dodgers
2	Atlanta Braves
9	St. Louis Cardinals
8	Montreal Expos
7	Chicago Cubs

New York Yankees

Baltimore Orioles **Baltimore Origles** Oakland Athletics

South African travel agency may sue Olympic officials

JOHANNESBURG (R) -South African travel agencies may sue organisers of the Seoul Olympic games because South Korean authorities have refused visas to South African tours to

the games, a representative said "We have had certain undertakings that visas would be granted to people going on those packages and they have now gone back on those undertakings" said Hendrick Conradie of the Association of South African travel

±73 ↑ K106 - A8 + AKJ1065

1 4 1 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—If you did no more than rebid

three clubs, you don't appreciate the

power of your hand. Partner has

shown some 9 points with his bid.

and the no trump game should de-pend, at worst, on a club finesse.

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you

What action do you take?

A.—It looks as if the spade suit be-

longs to the enemy, and you are

likely to be outbid. Under the cir-

cumstances, you might as well get in

the lead-directing bid of two clubs,

to help partner get off to the best

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South

The bidding has proceeded:

Pass

What do you bid now?

North East South West
1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 2

A.—That depends on your methods. If you play that a two-over-

one response is a game force, you

can afford to bid only two no trump now to hear what partner says.

However, if your initial response

promised only about 11 points, we

suggest you jump to four spades. Partner's spade rebid virtually guar-

antees a six-card suit in this auction.

TA985 , A107 + AQ98

The bidding has proceeded:

North East

1052 **♦** KQ10963

South West

The bidding has proceeded:

West

Bid three no trump.

Noid: 762

North East

lead should

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GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

South

South African radio

Representatives of South African travel companies are South Korea trying to sell tickets and accommodation booked for South Africans who have been refused visas, he added.

This year's Olympics have given South Africans n fresh reminder of their isolation. Barred from participating in

the Olympics since 1960, South Africa cannot even get live television coverage of the Seoul games. A South African fencing offi-

cial who went to Seoul last week assuming he was accredited to help supervise the fencing events was sent home by South Korean authorities because of his nationality.

Jordan Times Tel: 667171-6

Legal matters surface out of

nowhere and should be addressed immediately. Communication of all

sorts is possible today. The expan-

sive nature of the day can lead to

many new contacts and activities, ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A

change will let you proceed with

change will let you proceed with new plans and enterprises. The near future is in order with luck and good timing on your side. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20! A quiet time is passing, and romantic feelings have you excited. Relax and plan to spend time alone. Get

lots of rest and relaxation. GEM1NI (May 21 to June 21) Try

to finish some of the many things

you have storted. Straighten out

creative projects, and return books and records you have borrowed.

problems. Take a second look.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Many matters are clearing up. You have greater financial insight which is the key to current

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Romance

can move faster than anticipated.

You are in the fast lane socially, and

this is lending momentum to all the

other aspects of your life. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Lock

of organization annoys you. Avoid

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: getting rattled if given added

Olympic Medals Table

SEOUL (AP) - Medal table alter Monday's events at the Summer Olympics (read gold, silver, bronze, total):

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Baltimore Orioles	4		Soviet Union	_		26	-
Oakland Athletics	2	1	East Germany				67
Toronto Blue Juys	2 3 5 2	1	United States			14	
Kansas City Royals	5	- [Romania	5		7	21
Texas Rangers	2	1	Bulgaria	_	7	-	20
California Angels	2	-1	China		8		20
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Los Angeles Dodgers	0]	1	South Korea	3	3	5	11
Atlanta Braves	1	1	Italy	4	3	3	10
St. Louis Cardinals	7	1	Australia	ī	4	3	8
Montreal Expos	5 4	- [Poland	i	4	3	8
Chicago Cubs		1	Japan	i	2	4	7
Houston Astros	1	1	New Zealand	i	ō	6	7
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and accommodation bool			Brazil	0	1	0	1
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Costa Rica

Senegal

Belgium

Greece

Soviet medal tally reaches 75

Arab and African athletes win Olympic races

SEOUL (R) - An Arab and an African athlete stole the glory on the fourth day of the Seoul Olympic athletics competition on Monday.

Kenya's Paul Ereng out- fore Monday, concentrating in-printed Brazil's defending cham- stead on the 5,000. sprinted Brazil's defending champion Joaquim Cruz to win the men's 800 metres then Moroccan contest of the 10,000 metres.

This time last year neither man was even running their Olympic distance. Now they have taken on the world's best, winning conclu-

Ereng ran a masterly race. He was content to wait in the middle of the field until the final straight then accelerated past Moroccan Said Aouita on the inside before surging past a struggling Cruz on the outside.

Boutaib's performance was even more commanding. He was one of a breakway group of four, then took the lead after the halfway mark and pushed on relen-tlessly to win in 27 minutes 21.46 seconds, the fourth fastest time

Boutaib, who looks set to follow in Aouita's footsteps as one of the world's great middle and long distance runners, had run only four 10,000 metre races be-

Aouita was a hot favourite to win gold in the 800, but had to Moulay Brahim Boutaib made no settle for bronze behind Ereng and Cruz.

Boutaib has no doubts that his compatriot will bring Morocco a second gold.

"I am sure he will win gold in the 1,500" Boutaib said. America's Carl Lewis leaped into Olympic history Monday. The 10th day of the Seoul games also saw a golden-haired Dutch school teacher emerge from the pack to win a dramatic women's

82-kilometre cycling race. Impressive Soviet and East German track and field victories put them well out front in the Seoul medals' race with a combined total of more than 140. The Soviets picked up another gold in weightlifting Monday night to lead with 33 golds and 75 medals overall. East Germany had 27 golds and a total of 67 medals. The United States trailed in third place with 14 golds and 44

countryman Lee Calhoun won the event in 1956 and 1960. Track and field

Los Angeles.

In the women's 800, East German runners finished one-two as Sigrun Wodars outkicking Christine Wachtel in 1:56.10.

Lewis, rebounding from his

first Olympic long jump cham-pion to retain his title. He led an

American medal sweep with a

leap of 8.72 metres to duplicate

his victory of four years ago at

Lewis' teammate, Roger King-dom, also repeated his 1984

triumph in the 110-metre high

hurdles, winning the Seoul event

in the Olympic record time of

12.98 seconds - third fastest in

history. He was the first 110

hurdler repeat winner since his

The Soviet Union's Olga Bryzgina won the women's 400 in 48.65 seconds, breaking the old mark of 48.83 set in 1984 by Valerie Brisco of the United States. The American defending champion faded to fourth on Another Olympic mark was set

by East Germany's Petra Felke with a 74.68-metre toss of the javelin that won her the gold medal in the women's event.

Diving

American Greg Louganis, meanwhile, moved a major step closer to his goal of becoming the first diver to repeat as a double Olympic champion. He outper-

formed two Chinese contenders - Xiong Ni and Li Kongzheng in the preliminary round of platloss to Canada's Ben Johnson in form diving and led a field of 12 the 100-metre dash, became the qualifiers into Tuesday's final.

Cycling Day 10 of the Olympics began with Dutch rider Monique Kohl having to hitch a lift to the start of the individual cycling road race with arch French rival Jeannie Longo after the Dutch team's bus

was involved in a crash. Kohl, her pigtail tied in the Dutch national colour of orange. won a mass sprint for the line. Tennis

Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg was assured of a medal when he beat temperamental Italian Paolo Cane 6-1, 7-5 in swirling wind that sent debris floating past them on the centre court



Giants contest Olympic soccer semi-finals

SEOUL (R) - Three new talents er Antonio Virdis are the men side and will be a strong adverveteran with an insatiable thirst Tuesday. for goals hold the key to gold medal ambitions in the Olympic soccer tournament.

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West Germany's Juergen Klinsmann, Romario of Brazil, the Soviet Union's Alexei Mikhailichenko and Italian strik-

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There is a lingering question about a proj-

ect or activity. Rethink plans if

your mind is not made up. Pay at-

tention to relatives and loved ones. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Sit

down and discuss money problems

with your mate. Try not to bicker over trivial matters, and get down

to the business at hand. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Your communication skills are

at their best, so contact others now

The phone may ring off the book.
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

There is harmony on the home front. Proceed with business plans

and other interests. Help someone with a project, and combine efforts. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

If you want it, go get it. Pursue your own interests. Socialize tonight, and tune into family mat-

ters. Accept an invitation.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)

Short trips here and there will keep

come up. Study them carefully, and

you busy. Financial opportunitie

use your numerous talents.

on the international scene and a who matter in the semi-finals on

They have scored a total of 14 goals so far and been hugely influential and inspirational. Despite giant-killing exploits by Australia and Zambia in the

group games, the teams with proven pedigrees have taken their places in a last four line-up. Stylish Brazil, beaten Olympic finalists four years ago and determined to go one better in Seoul, face a West German side steadily

Italy, ridiculed at home after losing 4-0 to Zambia, take or the Soviet Union.

growing in stature.

Romario, hailed as Brazil's Italy. striking saviour, and Stuttgart's un dave the aduit handedly to win the clash of the soccer giants.

They have both scored hattricks in the tournament and are hungary for more goals

Romario will be important to us," Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Silva said.

Silva is shaping a team for the 1990 world cup in Italy and reckons the mix is just about right. "This team has a lot of fighting

spirit and is marking well," he said. "At the same time we are playing pretty much the tradition-

"West Germany are a good

The West Germans also have one eye on the next world cup and national team manager Franz Beckenbauer has flown to South Korea to assess the Olympic side's potential.

Like Klinsmann, the Soviet Union's Mikhailichenko impressed during the European championships and has polished his reputation here.

The gangling Dynamo Kiev midfielder with the loping run was behind all three goals which destroyed Australia in the quarter-finals and has the class to repeat the demolition act against

Poor teamwork has let down vidually from Virdis helped them

scramble into the last four. The veteran Milan Striker, top scorer in the Italian league two

seasons ago, has wonderful close control, a telling shot and a feel for the big occasion. "Italy will be difficult oppo-

nents for us," said Soviet Union coach Anatoli Bychovets, who has stipped Brazil to win the gold. "I will be having a big think

about how we approach the match. I was concerned about the work rate of some of our key players against Australia, especially in the first half."

SEOUL OLYMPIC BRIEFS

Canadian gymnast performs with broken

SEOUL (R) — Sixteen-year-old Canadian gymnast Lori Strong completed her floor routine at the Seoul Olympics without realising that she had broken her right leg. Strong, now being pushed around the athletes village in a wheelchair by her compatriots, went to the medical centre complaining of a sore leg. Doctors found it was broken and she now needs six weeks to recover. I did not realise that my right leg was broken until I finished my routine on the floor," she said.

Lost gold found

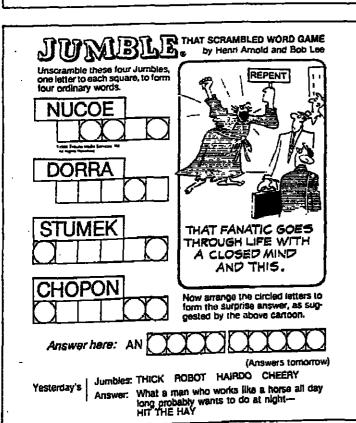
SEOUL (AP) - Davide Tizzano's Olympic gold medal is lost no more. It was found Monday by a skin diver in 15 centimetres of mud near the boat dock at the bottom of the Han river. Tizzano. 20, won the medal Sunday as an oarsman in Italy's quadruple sculls boat and lost it when celebrating temmates threw him into the river after the presentation ceremony. Diver Kang Su-Nam said he and other divers had been working an area in three metres of water at the dock for almost an hour when he felt the medal.

Five time competitor

SEOUL (AP) - Italy's Pietro Mennea made history Monday by becoming the first runner to compete in five Olympics. Mennea, the 1980 Olympic champion in the 200-metre dash and the world record-holder, finished fourth in his first-round heat in 21.10 Although his time was good enough to reach the second round, the 36-year-old from Barletta, Italy, who first competed in Munich in 1972, inexplicably did not start. Mennea called his first-round heat "a proud moment." "I was a little emotional," he said. "I'm the grandfather of these people."

By Harris THE BETTER HALF PEST CONTROL

"I only do ants, mice, termites and roaches. I don't do husbands."



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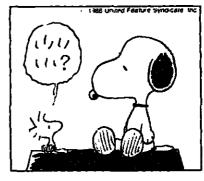
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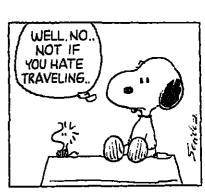
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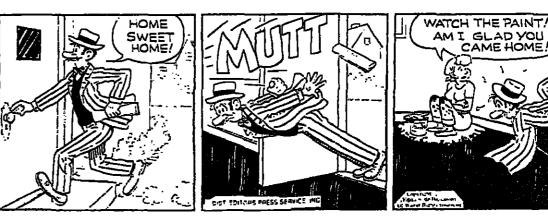
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Yerevan calm as army pulls out

MOSCOW (R) — Most of the Soviet soldiers deployed in the Armenian capital of Yerevan last week after a new ethnic flareup were pulled out over the weekend, a spokesman for the official Novosti press agency said Monday.

Armoured vehicles posted around government buildings during demonstrations over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region had been pulled out Satur-

day, the spokesman told Reuters.
"The situation is better today." he said by telephone from Yerevan. "Transport is working and some enterprises are back at work. It's a more or less normal working atmosphere."

In Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, a government spokesman said children had gone back to school Monday but industry remained paralysed by strikes.

The latest round of tension over Nagorno-Karabakh erupted after an Armenian was killed and 49 people injured in gun and knife clashes in the Azerbaijani

The Sept. 18 incident in a village near Stepanakert was fol- Nagorno-Karabakh, where the lowed by mass demonstrations in ethnic Armenian majority

demand to secede from Azerbaijani rule and become part of

The Novosti spokesman said huge demonstrations were held on Yerevan's Opera Square Saturday and Sunday evenings, with speakers demanding annexation of Nagorno-Karabakh and an emergency session of the Armenian Supreme Soviet (par-

The assembly voted in favour of annexation last June, but one month later the Kremlin ruled out any change in the status of

Last Wednesday, as tensions continued to grow in the mountainous enclave, the Kremlin clamped an overnight curfew on Nagorno-Karabakh and declared a state of emergency.

Moscow Radio said Sunday that the curfew was being observed in Stepanakert and lawlessness had declined, although some residents had been found with petrol bombs.

turned in to the authorities voluntarily and nearly 100 seized during searches conducted by interior ministry and army troops

sent to the region. In Armenia, the radio said,

It said 695 firearms had been

Yerevan, where Armenians are population has been ruled since calls were continuing for more supporting Nagorno-Karabakh's 1923 by Azerbaijan. information on the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh. It quoted one Communist Party official as warning that rumours spreading due to a dearth of news could spark new disorders.

The Soviet media have carried virtually no reports on the situation in the enclave, and the news blackout continued Monday with no mention of Nagorno-Karabakh in the party newspaper Pravda - the only morning daily to appear Mondays.

Telephone links between Moscow and Yerevan remained difficult. It took two hours to get through to the Armenian foreign ministry Monday morning, and officials there refused to provide any information.

Haitians throng church to hail coup

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — Thousands of worshippers burst into clapping, cheering and singing at a Roman Catholic Church Sunday, celebrating the Sept. 17 coup that toppled Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy.

"For that great victory of Sept. 17, we thank you, Lord," the Reverend Antonio Sele declared in an emotionally charged sermon before 3,000 people who jammed Saint Gerard Roman Catholic Church.

He praised the soldiers who ousted Namphy and installed a new military government under Lieutenant General Prosper Avril. Soldiers had cited a massacre Sept. 11 at Saint John Bosco Roman Catholic Church as a key reason for their revolt.

In that attack, thugs wielding guns, machetes and clubs stormed the church in a Port-au-Prince slum, killing 13 people and wounding more than 70.

"Through Saint John Bosco Church to us here today, we thank you, Lord, for your work through our soldiers to rescue us," said Sele, who offered a special mass. "This mass is to thank God... for all these soldiers who put their heads together to

The soldier's revolt led to the exile of Namphy in the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola

with Haiti. Namphy had led the military junta that assumed power after president-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled to exile in 1986. Namphy consolidated power in a June coup that overthrew a civilian president elected last

After Sunday's mass, about 1,500 people, including 150 survivors of the church massacre, marched to a suburban site and where met by the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, leader of Saint John Bosco.

The crowd, many of whom had marched 12 kilometres, erupted in cheers upon seeing Aristide in his first public appearance since his escape during the massacre. "He's alive. He's alive," two women shouted.

Aristide, one of the most popular figures in Haiti, had repeatedly accused the Namphy govern-ment of condoning atrocities and of brutal repression.

Flanked by priests and nuns, Aristide waved and stood before the crowd for about 15 minutes. Speaking in a barely audible voice, he said, "God is with us. Don't lose courage. The cleaning

up has just begun."
Earlier, about 2,000 people filled all seats and the aisle at Saint Gerard and 1,000 more thronged

South Africa is increasingly iso-

Foreign bankers will not lend it

money a falling gold price threatens its ability to pay its

debts. Every week another fore-

ign firm sells up and leaves as

sanctions pressures mount, espe-

Almost every day urban guer-

rillas detonate a bomb. It took

the imposition of a state of

emergency and the detention without trial of about 30,000 peo-

ple to stifle black protests in 1986.

Power expansion

The government has given it-

In a proclamation mailed to

lawyers last week, the govern-

ment said it will no longer have to

find and tell people before plac-ing restriction orders on them.

their names in the official govern-

ment gazette, a Johannesburg

In a separate announcement,

The purpose, he said, would be

Restriction orders are used to

place people under house arrest

or curfew, to limit the work they

lawyer told Reuters.

Instead it has only to publish

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cially in the United States.

lated in other areas.



Haiti's new president, Prosper Avril, swears in forces chief in Port-au-Prince earlier this week. Major General Herard Abraham, right, as armed

the church courtyard. A chair draped with embroi-

dered vestments had stood at the foot of the altar, symbolising Aristide, who was whisked away

with their bodies.

one chosen by God for Haiti to chanting.

from the church attack by denounce injustice, to show us parishioners who shielded him the truth," Sele said at the service, which began solemnly and "Jean-Bertrand Aristide is the exploded into singing and

Sad exit seen in store for Botha

JOHANNESBURG (R) — More isolated than ever, both within and outside the country, President P.W. Botha this week marks a decade as South Africa's supreme leader.

Spurned by many of his Afrikaner Volk (people) for straying from rigid apartheid segregation. Botha has failed to win a counterbalancing measure of credit from South Africa's black majority, moderate whites or world opinion.

Next month will provide definitive proof of whether Botha has achieved the goal he set for his leadership when he told South African whites they must "adapt

Nationwide municipal elections Oct. 26 present the biggest challenge the ruling National Party has faced in 40 years when the white supremacist Conservative Party attempts to wrest control of local government.

Political commentators are predicting a setback for Botha, who observes a decade in power Wednesday, in his campaign for gradual reform of the apartheid policies that have made South Africa a pariah state.

While the right wing accuses him of betraying the Afrikaner tribe, more liberal whites among them moderate Afrikaners — fulminate over his failure to be bolder in scrapping apar-theid and bringing blacks into the political system.

"P.W. is a sad figure as he nears the end of the road," the antigovernment Sunday Star said in a headline. English-language newspapers, which have been calling for him to step down, again asked whether Botha has the will to carry through reform.

Even the Afrikaans language press was less than fulsome in reviewing Botha's decade in

Rapport, the top-selling progovernment newspaper, raised doubts about his continued commitment to change.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee told a legal conference Saturday "After a decade, the question is ... whether the National Party that the government was studying under the present leadership will proposals to ban media reporting continue undaunted on the (reof some court proceedings until formist) way it has set itself," its the final verdict. editorial said.

The cheeriest news for Botha to prevent unfounded allegations on his 10th anniversary was an made in court from damaging the apparent breakthrough in regionreputations of defendants.

al foreign policy.
Talks now underway could end South Africa's involvement in the Angolan civil war and Pretoria's do, their right to attend meetings illegal, white minority rule in or to talk to the press.

Old ruling party, opposition prepare for polls in Burma

BANGKOK (R) — The long-ruling Burma Socialist being tapped. Programme Party changed its name Monday ahead of general elections and opposition sources said offer made the BSPP a week before its overthrow, leading pro-democracy campaigners would field

Official Radio Rangoon said the BSPP, which ruled Burma for a quarter century of increasing

Rangoon-based Western diplomats have said the followers of BSPP founder Ne Win would try to regain their dominant role in Burma by winning elections promised soon by the country's new military rulers.

The BSPP was purportedly overthrown by a military coup Sept. 18, but diplomats say the army's action was only a way of suppressing widespread dissent and keeping power in the hands of the old guard.

Leading dissident figures General Tin Oo, Aung San Suu Kyi and Brigadier Aung Gyi have reversed their opposition to the polls and will contest them, sources close to them said.

A close associate of former Defence Minister would soon register with the military government's election commission and would field candidates for all 472 parliamentary seats.

"They are now preparing to follow the rules and regulations of the commission," he said in a telephone interview.

The source declined to give details of the opposition's move, saying he believed his telephone was out the nation of 38 million people.

The opposition rejected a compromise electin saying the party was incapable of running hones

Last week, the three opposition figures decided to reject army-backed electins also. Aung San Suu poverty and political repression, had become the Kyi, 43-year-old daughter of independence hero National Unity Party.

Aung Gyi, at that time dismissed the idea of elections being held while people were being shot. The military government has said over 200

"destructive elements," have been killed since it took over. Dissidents, doctors and diplomats put the figure at closer to 1,000 and say most of the dead were unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators.

The streets of Rangoon were quiet Monday, but soldiers were still shooting. Radio Rangoon reported they shot dead 19 more looters in the capital and other areas of Burma.

In Mandalay to the north many people were beig arrested, a diplomat said. "Anyone who was associated prominently with the opposition seems to be targetted, doctors, prominent educators, editors of the various newspapers," he said. The government earlier this month ordered civil

servants and all military personnel to resign from the ruling party and repealed the law authorising it to receive financial support from the government. But the party, with 2.5 million full and candidate members before the unrest and resignations, remains a potent force that maintains offices through-

Hirohito critical but remains stable

TOKYO (Agencies) — Emperor Hirohito, fighting what may be his last battle against fading health, was reported in stable condition Monday as thousands braved drenching rain to pray for his

A bland announcement by palace officials Monday morning that the 87-year-old Hirohito's condition was stable failed to dispel a

growing feeling in Japan that he is close to death.

Medical bulletins have been released at least twice a day by the officials but have declined to detail the exact nature of the emperor's

These have shown Hirohito's temperature remains high while his blood pressure and pulse varied. The emperor has received nearly three litres of blood since this latest crisis began about a week ago. At the palace, thousands of people braved incessant rain to offer their wishes for Hirobito's recovery. As of Sunday, 342,000 people had registered.

Among the well-wishers Monday were a group of Giant Sumo wrestlers led by the popular grand champion Chiyonofuji, who won the most recent Sumo tournament which concluded in Tokyo

The emperor is a avid fan of the traditional Japanese sport and has attended the tournaments held in the capital. Palace officials said be was able to watch some of the tournament on television at the

The pace of life in this busy city is also slowing with major companies cancelling corporate functions such as the respected Asahi newspaper's 100th anniversary celebrations. Street festivals and firework displays to mark the onset of autumn

are being cancelled throughout Japan, including one of the biggest in the Ginza district, near the palace.

"Taking the emperor's illness into consideration, we have decided to call off our festival and other related celebrations including the Ginza parade," a city official said.

Government leaders have cancelled almost all their official work. Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and other ministers stayed at home over the weekend while Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno cancelled a visit to New York. Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa dropped out of the current International Monetary Fund meetings

Despite upbeat reports by government and palace officials, share: fell as the Tokyo stock exchange opened Monday due to mounting concern over the emperor's condition, traders said.

The emperor, who assumed the throne in 1926, has been under 24-hour care since he began beinorrhaging last Monday in the upper intestine or duodenum. In September 1987, doctors performed a bypass operation after an inflamed pancreas put pressure on his

His condition took a turn for the worse Saturday when his fever soared to 39.2 Celsius. On Monday, his temperature was 36.7

Bush, Dukakis slug it out in bruising debate

WINSTON-SALEM (R) - George 36 per cent in favour of Dukakis Bush and Michael Dukakis took - a possible reflection of the the gloves off Sunday, hitting out governor's ability to stay on the at each other with accusations, offensive in a low-key, gentlesarcasm and ridicule in a bruising manly manner. first presidential debate.

Dukakis decried the Iran-conhis rival as a far-out liberal.

lected Dukakis, the Democratic after the contest. governor of Massachusetts, "You did a gr zeroed in on Reagan administration scandals in the first of two saying. scheduled 90-minute campaign debates with Republican Vice President Bush, who looked a bit tense but also gave a good spirited account of himself.

The nationally televised debate was held in the red-brick Baptist chapel of Wake Forest University, where the two men stood a few feet apart on a blood-red carpet behind lecterns that looked like pulpits and hurled political fire and brimstone at one

"The vice president has a long resume (of public service), but that didn't stop him from endors-ing the sale of arms to the (Iranian) Ayatollah," Dukakis said in one typical slam.

Bush avoided debate on what became the Reagan administra-tion's worst scandal, but he depicted Dukakis scornfully as a big-taxing liberal, weak on national security issues, and thundered at one point:

"He is out there, out of the mainstream. My argument with the governor is, do we want this country to go that far left?"
Afterwards, both camps claimed

Although no official "winner" or "loser" is declared in any formal sense for these debates, an early first-impression poll of 500 viewers by ABC news broke 45-

President Reagan quickly weighed in to do what he could to tra scandal and Bush portrayed help his loyal lieutenant and would-be successor, telephoning A generally smooth and col- Bush to congratulate him right

"You did a great job," the White House quoted Reagan as

As expected, Dukakis's supporters saw things quite the reverse — and they were saying so quickly to the television cameras. "It was a good victory for

Dukakis because it showed him to be knowledgeable," said spokesman Mark Gearan. The candidates responded to questions posed by a panel of

journalists, giving the affair more the character of a side-by-side news conference than a real de-

Bush came into the showdown leading by a few percentage points in most national polls. The key point in most surveys, however, is that many voters are still undecided and are only unenthusiastically committed to one or the other candidate.

This gave the debate great potential for swaying voters. Most analysts agreed the lesser-known Dukakis had more to gain

from a good showing.

The 54-year-old governor clearly tried to seize the initiative by turning every possible response on any question to Reagan administration foreign policy embarrassments and the role of the vice president in them, such as the secret sales of arms to Iran in 1985-86 and longtime U.S. dealings with Panama's military leader Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Blind masseurs protest in Taipei

TAIPEI - Blind masseurs rapped police with their walking sticks as hundreds rallied to demand government action against their sighted colleagues. The 400 blind demonstrators, who were driven to the law-making legislative Yuan in Taipei by friends, tried to enter the building. But police blocked the blind protesters, and some hit the officers with their walking sticks. Police pushed them away. The protesters dispersed when lawmakers pledged to review their complaints. Kuo Kun-Hsiung, leader of the demonstration, complained that many massage parlours employ young girls as mas-

Crawford leaves famous opera

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael . Crawford, who is leaving the hit broadway musical "The Phantom of the Opera" in October, says he of the Opera" in October, says he needs a rest after two years with show. "It's like being an athlete," he said on the CBS television show "This Morning." "You have to have a rest period and then start up again. I mean I'm not finished with the Phantom. I want to come back and do it again." Crawford, who won a Tony Award for his portrayal of the Phantom, says the lavish musical has been an emotional experience.

Orient Express in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — Refurbished railroad cars from the legendary Orient Express arrived in Hong Kong Monday after a 15,000-kilometre odyessy from Paris with 60 passengers each of whom paid \$20,000 for the journey. The passengers were greeted at Hong Kong's Kowloon-Canton railway station by a police band. and given bouquets of flowers by two contestants from the 1988 Miss Hong Kong pageant. Also on hand was the acting director of the railway, Ian McPherson. The passengers, mainly Japanese, were then whisked away in a bus to a hotel. Organisers said they were too tired to talk to repor-

Shops for pampered pets

WALNUT CREEK, California (AP) - Specially shops that cater to pampered pets are proliferating in California at a rapid pace, industry watchers say. Such stores are occupying more retail space, but far fewer operate outside California, said John M. McMillin, a food industry analyst with Prudential-Bache Securities in New York. "Only Californians would put their dogs on a diet," he said. "But I'm seeing more and more interest in people get-ting into this business." The stores provide such items as gourmet foods, handmade toys and European furniture. "People are definitiely pampering their pets more. I find many of the people are more concerned with their animals' nutrition than their own," said Jan Edminster, owner of the pet shop.

'Super-sniffers' find radioactive cannister

SHREVEPORT, Louisiana (AP) - An unemployed man with a pair of super-sniffing dogs earned a \$500 reward from the company that lost a container of weak radioactive material along a 40.2 kilometre stretch of highway. "It was found just outside Shreveport, north of the city, by an unemployed gentleman who asked to remain anonymos," Ron Evans, vice president and general Evans, vice president and general manager of Trainer Surveys Incorporated, said Thursday. "He hit the streets with his two German shepherds, who sniffed it upnot 182.9 metres from his house."

Limousine shortage in Seoul

SEOUL (AP) - A flood of foreign dignitaries for the Olympics has created a limousine shortage in a nation that has few his tage in a nation that has few big cars. Officials said some 300 foreign dignitaries such as cabinet ministers and members of the International Olympic Committee are entitled to limousine service. But most are getting service below their status because there are not enough limousines available. "In normal circumstances, it could create a protocol problem, but we believe most of them understand the special problems at Olympic time," said Kim Kun-Ho, a transportation official of the Scoul Olympic Organising Committee. "So far, we have had no complaints," said Kim.

Home fans lukewarm to Olympic fever

political opponents without in-By Sonya Hepinstall Reuter forming them in person and may ban some media reporting of court evidence, lawyers said

SEOUL - Where are the home fans at the Seoul Olym-

Many stadiums are half-empty and sport enthusiasts with experience of previous Olympics are asking why.

"Tickets were scalped for many times the original price at Los Angeles. The venues were packed. Where are the Koreans?" said one foreign visitor. There are many answers. For

one, Koreans are not crazy about all sports. "The Olympics are less a sports event than a turning point for the Korean people. said one fan. "There's no tradition of sport here. There's emphasis on certain sports -

Taekwondo, Judo, Soccer --

but they couldn't care less ab-

out the rest."

Soccer has so far attracted 528,000 fans in the 28 matches before the semifinals, making it the best attended sport of the games so far, but the yachting venues in the southern city of Pusan, for example, are almost deserted.

"Koreans don't like dangerous hobbies. For generations children were told not to do such things as mountain climbing or sailing," said Yoo Sung-Gil, a former yachting official.

The Seoul Olympics Organising Committee (SLOOC) estimates 74 per cent of tickets have been sold, but that figure is not reflected in attendances. "A lot of businesses bought

tickets for foreigners who didn't show up," said Cho Seok, assistant director for overseas ticket sales at Another factor in the tack of

support is that South Koreans have very little leisure time. People work an average six days a week, taking about four days off per year. Many who do have free time have volunteered to work for SLOOC.

Some Seoul residents think Koreans are suffering from Olympic burn-out. "After seven years of having the Olympics shoved down their throat, what do you expect?" said a foreign resident.

Western visitors are often perplexed by South Korean reactions to the games. The opening ceremony, uni-

versally acknowledged as a huge success, was received with demure applause and serious expressions by the Koreans in the crowd, a great contrast to the behaviour of Americans and Europeans nearby who cheered wildly and punctuated each new surprise with ex-

clamations of delight. "It was so solemn, it was no fun," complained one European viewer. "That's not what the opening ceremony in Bar-

that's for sure.' "We are not a demonstrative people," said a Seoul city hall official. "We are not used to participating in celebrations. When a parade goes by we wave flags, stand back and nod our heads, saying yes, good

celona in 1992 will be like,

On the other hand, a brawl at an Olympic boxing match showed the emotions behind those cool exteriors can sometimes surface unexpectedly. Home fans and five South Korean boxing officials in-

attack a referee who ruled against a local hero. "It was stupid. It was childish behaviour," said one

vaded the ring Thursday to

Olympic organiser. But it was not un-Korean. A few months before the games, one person was killed and more than 10 injured when baseball fans infuriated by the surprise loss of the home team started

throwing bottles. "Sometimes human beings cannot control their feelings, shrugged a local television announcer after the boxing

If visitors are sometimes mystified by their hosts, the feeling is mutual.

Some taxi drivers, for example, said they are fed up with the Olympic family.

"When they first came we wanted to be nice. We went out of our way to smile and try to speak English," said one taxi driver. "But foreigners accuse us of taking long routes and overcharging them. Now none of us wants to take foreigners."